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School Board Approves Construction Contracts For Elementary, JW Plans

At a special meeting on January 14, the Princeton Regional Board of Education unanimously approved the awarding of $36.4 million in contracts related to its construction projects at the four elementary schools within the district and John Witherspoon Middle School.

The School Board additionally rejected the bids for its project at Princeton High School, which came in approximately $14 million over budget, by a unanimous vote.

"This is a major step in the renovation of these schools," said Charlotte Bialek, president of the School Board. "We're very excited about this."

Although the bids for the middle school project were more than $1 million over the initial budget, School Board members expressed confidence that they will be able to meet the project's budgetary requirements by working with their architects at The Hillier Group to develop a design for the high school that will save money without sacrificing educational programs. The School Board hopes to present a feasible design concept at its Tuesday, January 28 meeting.

"Hillier is working hard right now to develop a plan that is close to what we want," said Ms. Bialek. "We're hoping that we can choose one on January 28."

"We're confident," said Paul Pezzutti of The Hillier Group, "that we will realize the savings necessary without cutting the education program."

According to Anne Burns, vice president of the School Board and a member of its facilities committee, the roughly $500,000 saved through the low bids related to the elementary school projects will be applied to the renovations at the middle schoof.

"Our construction manager and architects did a fair job of paring down the middle school design," said Ms. Burns. "We're comfortable with the changes that were made. Making further changes would have affected the program at the middle school, and that's not what we want to do."

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State Halts Deer Program For Now

The state's Fish and Game Council has halted Princeton Township's deer management program — at least temporarily — by voting 5-4 to deny the Township a permit for its third year of culling.

While opponents of the program applauded the decision, Township officials indicated that they will reapply for a permit after altering their application by removing the request for the use of a net-and-bolt method, a lethal technique that some have deemed to be torturous.

"This is an enormous victory," said Carl Mayer, one of three lawyers representing a group of citizens opposed to the program, at a press conference on Friday. "The council's decision was critical because Princeton cannot go forward with its program this year."

"We are extremely disappointed in the vote," said Township Deputy Mayor William Ensfin. "We tried to work very closely with the council in developing our program and making it as successful as it has been. We're going to try and salvage some part of our program this year." Township Mayor Phyllis Marchand was out of town and unavailable for comment.

Since its inception in March 2001, the Township's program has implemented lethal strategies in an effort to curb the overpopulation of the local deer herd. Through the services of White Buffalo, a Connecticut-based wildlife management firm, the program has resulted in the culling of a total of 625 deer in its first two years.

Initially designed to run for five years, the program has included the use of silenced sharpshooters and — starting last year — a net-and-bolt method whereby deer are captured in a net and then killed with a retractable bolt. Princeton Township is the only municipality in the state to employ the method.

Although the Fish and Game Council approved both the application for the Township's program in 2001 and the inclusion of the net-and-bolt system last year, it denied the application for this year's permit.

"The elements of our application were the same," said Township Attorney Ed Schmierer, "except for the immunocontraception, which we thought the state would applaud as an alternate way to control the deer herd."

According to the Township's Deer Management Evaluation Committee, which completed an assessment of the program that included two public hearings last fall, the optimum density for the local herd is 20 deer per square mile, or 320 deer throughout the Township.

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Princeton Gathers to Commemorate Life, Legacy of Martin Luther King Jr.

On Monday, the Princeton community joined together to celebrate the life and legacy of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Since 1986, the third Monday of every January has been an official national holiday in honor of Dr. King, whose inspiration and message of nonviolence were instrumental in the civil rights movement.

During the course of his life, Dr. King led the Montgomery Bus Boycott in 1955, founded the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and delivered his famous "I Have A Dream" speech on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial as part of the March on Washington, D.C. on August 28, 1963 before he was assassinated in Memphis in 1968.

At Princeton University's annual Martin Luther King Day celebration, Eddie S. Glaude Jr., an associate professor in the department of religion and a member of the committee that oversees the program in African-American studies, delivered the address.

"We ought to remember King's words during these trying times, because our own moment requires a similar prophetic witness," said Dr. Glaude, who joined the Princeton

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COME TOGETHER: Marion Key of Princeton, left, and Shawn Goldak of Montgomery, right, were among those who gathered at First Baptist Church to celebrate the life of Martin Luther King Jr. and joined hands at the end of the service to sing "We Shall Overcome." (Photo by Rebecca Blackwell)

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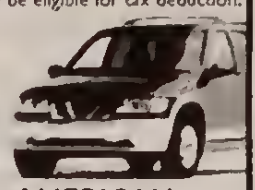

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Carjacking Occurs On Nassau Street

A 61-year-old New York City woman was the victim of a carjacking on Nassau Street Monday afternoon.

Rosemary O'Connell, who was in town visiting a friend, had purchased makeup from CVS at 172 Nassau Street and returned to her car, parked outside the CVS. Ms. O'Connell was sitting in her car applying makeup, when, at approximately 12:31 p.m., a man reportedly climbed into the passenger seat of her grey Mercury Topaz.

Ms. O'Connell told Borough police that the man said, "Stay put. I have a ..."

Police believe the man was going to tell her he had a gun, said police spokesman Lt. John Reading, but Ms. O'Connell didn't wait for the man to finish the sentence. "She very prudently dove out of the car, rolled on her knees, got up, and started screaming," said Lt. Reading.

Responding to her cries, two or three men attempted to stop the car, witnesses told police. As the carjacker climbed into the driver's seat and began to pull away from the curb, the good samaritans, one of whom was identified as Trenton firefighter Scott Pasawicz, tried to block the car. Witnesses said the thief seemed unconcerned about injuring the men, and they were unable to stop him.

Witnesses also told police that as the car approached the intersection with Vandeventer Avenue, a truck driver moved his truck into the path of the car in an attempt to stop it. However, the stolen car maneuvered around the truck and continued west on Nassau Street.

The car was last seen by the Princeton First Aid and Rescue Squad heading north on Witherspoon Street at Henry Avenue. Police immediately issued a crime alert within Mercer County and surrounding areas, but as of Tuesday afternoon there had been no further sightings.

The suspect is described as a six-foot tall white male of medium build. Approximately 30 years old, he has a fair complexion and is believed to have either a goatee or a scruffy beard. At the time of the theft, he was seen wearing a dark woolen cap and a short jacket.

The 1992 grey Mercury Topaz has New York plates with the number ALV 9609. Police are urging anyone who may have seen the car to call (609) 924-4141.

Police would also like to speak with anyone who witnessed the theft, particularly the unidentified men who tried to stop the car and the driver of the truck, which witness accounts reported as either a dump truck or a flatbed truck.

Lt. Reading expressed surprise that the car had not been found by Tuesday afternoon. He speculated that the midday carjacking was "an act of desperation," undertaken to provide the perpetrator with a means of transportation.

The carjacker's escape was aided by the lack of traffic on Monday due to the Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday, said Lt. Reading. "Most often, they [carjackers] would get caught in traffic."

The last carjacking he could recall in Princeton Borough occurred in the mid-1980s, when a woman had her car stolen from her at the intersection of Nassau Street and University Place. Police later caught the perpetrator.

"It's really an aberration for this town," said Lt. Reading of Monday's theft. He urged Princeton residents to keep their doors locked during daylight hours as well as during the night.

—Rebecca Blackwell

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A MATTER OF CHOICE: Like other participants in single-gender educational schools, these students at Princeton Academy of the Sacred Heart in Princeton — from left, James Garry, Harrison Land, and Matthew Carter — receive different benefits and face different challenges from those students in coeducational programs. (Photo by Rebecca Blackwell)

Single-Gender vs. Coeducation: A Factor in Selecting a School

When deciding where their child should go to school, parents may consider a number of factors including family tradition, finances, values or religious beliefs, and academic and athletic possibilities.

For some families, an additional factor in deciding between schools is the option between single-gender and coeducational environments, a choice that is represented by schools in Princeton and the immediate area.

Some students and their parents have discovered that single-gender environments provide the best educational setting.

"We can focus on boys' needs, styles of learning, and where they are in terms of their abilities," said Olen Kalkus, headmaster of Princeton Academy of the Sacred Heart, which offers education for boys in kindergarten through eighth grade.

"Our students leave very self-confident, articulate, and able to think critically," said Sister Frances de la Chapelle, headmistress of Stuart Country Day School of the Sacred Heart, which offers classes for 547 girls in preschool through high school. "They don't fall into stereotypes that you often find in coeducational settings."

At the same time, other parents and students find a coeducational setting to be the best fit.

TOPICS Of the Town

"Our students are well-prepared for many of the challenges of their lives," said Dr. James Byer, the headmaster at the Hun School of Princeton, which offers coeducation for 575 students from sixth grade through high school. "Placing boys and girls in the same classroom provides the necessity to interact with each other and the opportunity to achieve at their own level."

Academics

One of the primary considerations in choosing between a single-gender and a coeducational school may be the possible effects upon the academic achievements of students.

"Girls tend to be ahead of boys developmentally," stated Mr. Kalkus. "Here, you won't find a culture of comparison that can lead to the notion that girls are the good students and boys are not."

According to a 1990 study conducted by Princeton-based Educational Testing Services, the margin by which boys outperform girls in math and science classes has decreased, while the difference by which girls outperform boys in their verbal abilities remains the same.

"All this attention given to girls is great, but no one has kept up with the boys," said Mr. Kalkus. "Girls rightfully get the message that they can be athletic, scientific, or whatever they want to be. The irony of broadening the world for young women, is that the boys have been largely forgotten."

"There is an advantage for children — whether boys or girls — in single-sex environments," said Chris Wadsworth, executive director of the International Boys' School Coalition, which represents 140 members worldwide, including Princeton Academy, "because the instruction and curriculum can be designed to meet the needs of that particular population."

In December, Stuart hosted a visit by JoAnn Deak, author of *Girls Will Be Girls: Raising Confident and Courageous Daughters*. An advocate of single-gender education, Dr. Deak shared lessons drawn from more than 20 years as a school psychologist and presented information from recent brain research that noted the variations in the male and female brain and how these differences can affect learning styles.

"One size does not fit all," stated Meg Milne Moulton, co-executive director of the National Coalition of Girls' Schools, which represents 103 schools worldwide, including Stuart. "In an all-

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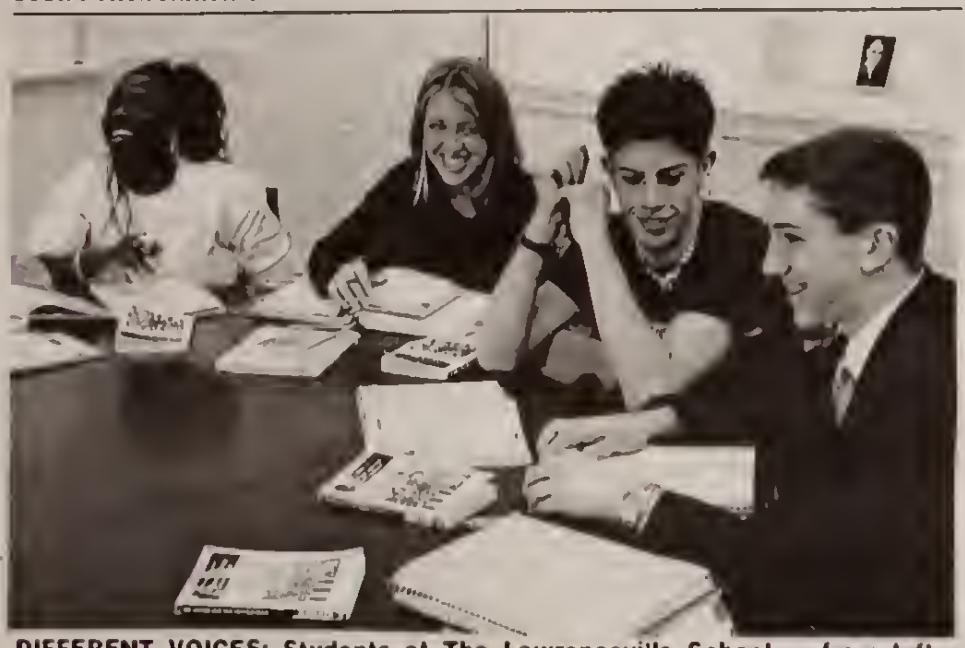

DIFFERENT VOICES: Students at The Lawrenceville School — from left, Jenate Brown, Sally Hennemugh, Steve Darocl, and John Edwards — interact with their homework and each other in their coeducational setting.

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girls setting, there is fairly strong evidence that girls have a higher level of active participation in the classroom than they do in coeducational settings."

For coeducational schools, the diversity of genders is a vital component to the academic environment.

"It's important to have a representation of as many views as possible in the classroom," said Michael Cary, headmaster of the Lawrenceville School, which provides coeducational education for students in grades nine through 12. "Coeducation is the first way to diversify as a school."

Formed in 1810 as an all-boys institution, The Lawrenceville School decided to shift to coeducation in 1986. Currently, the school has a student ratio of 54 percent male to 46 percent female.

"For all those schools that were considering changing to coeducation in the 1970s, the question was 'What do we lose by becoming coeducational?'" said Mr. Cary. "What we found at Lawrenceville is that those intrinsic qualities of community — school spirit, sense of history, traditions — do not evaporate in a coeducational environment."

According to Dr. Byer, the coeducational setting enhances academic competition, but it presents its own challenges: "In coeducation, we have to be very sensitive to make sure that the same opportunities are given to both genders."

Social Life

Another consideration in selecting the appropriate school is the kind of social setting that students will encounter.

"The best thing for the boys is to be exposed to different ideas and different ways of thinking," said Mr. Cary. "The always-present adolescent questions of 'Who am I?' and 'How do I fit in?' may be less complicated questions in a single-sex school, but they don't disappear."

Founded in 1914, the Hun School became coeducational in 1971. Dr. Byer, a graduate of the Hun School in 1962, has been a member of the faculty at Hun, its dean of students, and a member of the committee that played a significant role in bringing coeducation to the institution.

"As a student, I really did miss the socialization with girls," said Dr. Byer. "In the early 1970s, we realized that the social aspect of our student population would be enhanced by the inclusion of girls. We wanted to create a comfortable environment for men and women to interact socially and intellectually."

Such exposure, contend advocates of coeducational schools, better prepares students for their experiences after their education. "It's a coed world," said Mr. Cary. "Innovation is a result of team thinking across differences of age, race, ethnicity, and gender."

Proponents of single-gender institutions, however, assert that the environments at their schools offer fewer distractions and more opportunities for self-expression.

"Our experience is that the girls are empowered to feel independent and free from the confines of gender roles," said Laura Novia, assistant director of public relations at Stuart.

"You won't find the kind of social stereotyping and social distraction that can appear in coeducational schools," said Ms. Moulton. "The classroom becomes a safe place to make public mistakes and at the same time single-gender settings do not diminish academic performance or competition."

"My experience is that because in early adolescence sexual identity is so important, there is a greater pressure in coeducational environments for students to conform to stereotypes," said Mr. Kalkus, who was the headmaster of all-girls school in Colorado prior to coming to Princeton Academy. "That's not to say that different pressures don't exist in a boys school, but here our students are more willing to step outside of their contexts.

"For a number of kids, a coeducational environment is a more complex social environment," said Mr. Wadsworth. "For some, the perception that they are performing for a number of audiences can be distracting. When that opportunity does not exist, some students find it easier to stay focused on academics."

"There is a false impression that we're protecting our girls from the other gender," said Sister de la Chapelle. "They're not isolated; they take part in all kinds of activities outside the classroom with boys that are very healthy."

For some students, there may be other elements to consider when selecting a school.

"Our situation is somewhat different than other schools in that our programs grow out of our mission to create a world-class boychoir," said Donald Edwards, president of the American Boychoir School, which hosts an academic program for 67 boys in grades five through eight.

"We don't make a case for single-sex education in general," added Mr. Edwards, "but for boys interested in music, this is a wonderful educational environment for them to explore their passion in a setting with their peer group."

Parents' Motives

While the question of single-gender and coeducation may not be the primary factor when parents make their decision, it has proven to be a vital aspect of their child's education.

"The single-sex setting was not our prime motive in deciding where to send our children," said Tom Byrne, who has three daughters attending Stuart and who is a member of the board of trustees of Princeton Academy, which his son attends. "We were looking for academic excellence and a good system of values.

"But I am more and more convinced that single-sex education is a good thing," added Mr. Byrne, a graduate of Princeton University and the son of former Governor Brendan Byrne. "The best thing I can tell you is that my kids look forward to going to school."

"The single-gender question was not an issue in deciding where to send our children to school," said Dorothy Highland of Skillman, whose daughter graduated from Princeton Day School, a coeducational institution with a total enrollment of 888 students in junior kindergarten through high school, and whose two sons currently attend PDS.

"At first, it really didn't cross our minds," she said. "But one of the things that I've noticed that has been positive about a coeducational school is that my kids have friends from both genders and they learned how to work with the whole population. Having coeducation was a great benefit for them."

Which is Best?

After considering all of these factors, in the end, a decision must be made.

"When someone chooses a school, they should look at the needs of each particular child," said Claire Sheff Kohn, superintendent of the Princeton Regional School District. "What do the academic and athletics programs have to offer?"

"It's up to the child and the family to determine the best school," said Dr. Byer. "There is a real place for single-sex institutions; if the child feels confident in a single-sex environment and the opportunities are there for participation and leadership, then that may be the best institution for that child.

"The evaluation of what's best for each youngster should be primary," he stated. "Parents should ask themselves, 'Where will my child best succeed?'"

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Local young people will meet rebels of every stripe at Princeton Public Library on Friday nights at 7 p.m., when the library continues its "Rebels on Film" viewing series.

Organized by Princeton High School students Sanda Win and Mengfan Wu, the series is intended for students in grades eight through 12. PHS students chose the six films in the series from among 25 nominated by the organizers.

The selections will introduce viewers to a wide range of nonconformists and their struggles. On January 17, "Rebel Without A Cause," a classic film on 1950s teen angst, began the screenings.

The series will continue with the story of a scientist on a distant planet of primates who seeks to help a hunted prisoner in the 1968 version of "Planet of the Apes" on January 31. A confectioner whose creations spur change in a straitlaced French town will be the subject of the February 14 screening of "Chocolat."

On March 7, a holdout juror whose skepticism puts him at odds with his perturbed fellows will be seen in the 1957 version of "12 Angry Men." A free-thinker who seeks to awaken the souls of his fellow patients in a mental hospital will be the subject of the viewing of "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" on March 21.

Concluding the series, "Pleasantville," featuring the story of a time-traveling newcomer to a small town, will be shown on April 4.

"We were pleased with such a variety in films," said Susan Roth, program and readers services librarian, who coordinates programming for the library. "The students chose films with different subject matters and with male as well as female rebels. There are also old and new films on the list."

All screenings are at 7 p.m. and refreshments will be served. Sanda and Mengfan will lead the discussions that will follow the viewing of the films.

Separate registration is required for each screening. To register, contact the Youth Services Desk at (609) 924-9529, ext. 240.

The "Rebels on Film" series is one of the many library programs made possible through funds donated by the Friends of the Princeton Public Library. All library programs are detailed in "@ your library," the newsletter and program guide available throughout the library.

Princeton Public Library is temporarily located in Princeton Shopping Center at 301 N. Harrison Street. For more information about the library's programs and services, call (609) 924-9529 or visit www.princetonlibrary.org.

Princeton Author to Speak At Mystery Bookstore

Biographer and mystery author Ann Waldron will discuss her new mystery series involving crime in Princeton University on January 25, at 1 p.m. at the Cloak & Dagger mystery bookshop, 349 Nassau Street.

She will also sign her just released Berkley Publishing mystery paperback, The *Princeton Murders* in which her protagonist, journalist McLeod Dulaney, investigates who is killing the great professors of English. Dulaney uncovers more than expected at Princeton as she seeks to uncover the mysterious circumstances surrounding the initial crime before another victim is discovered.

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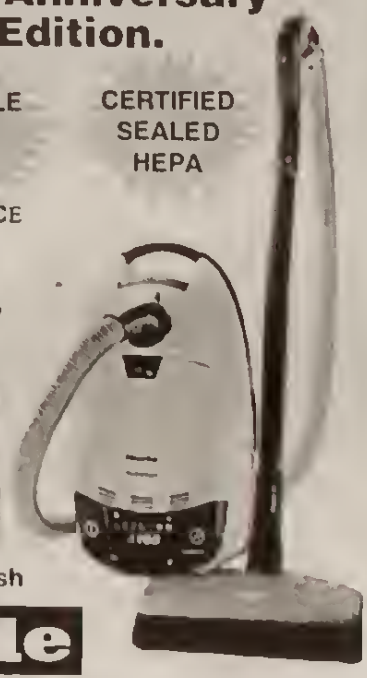

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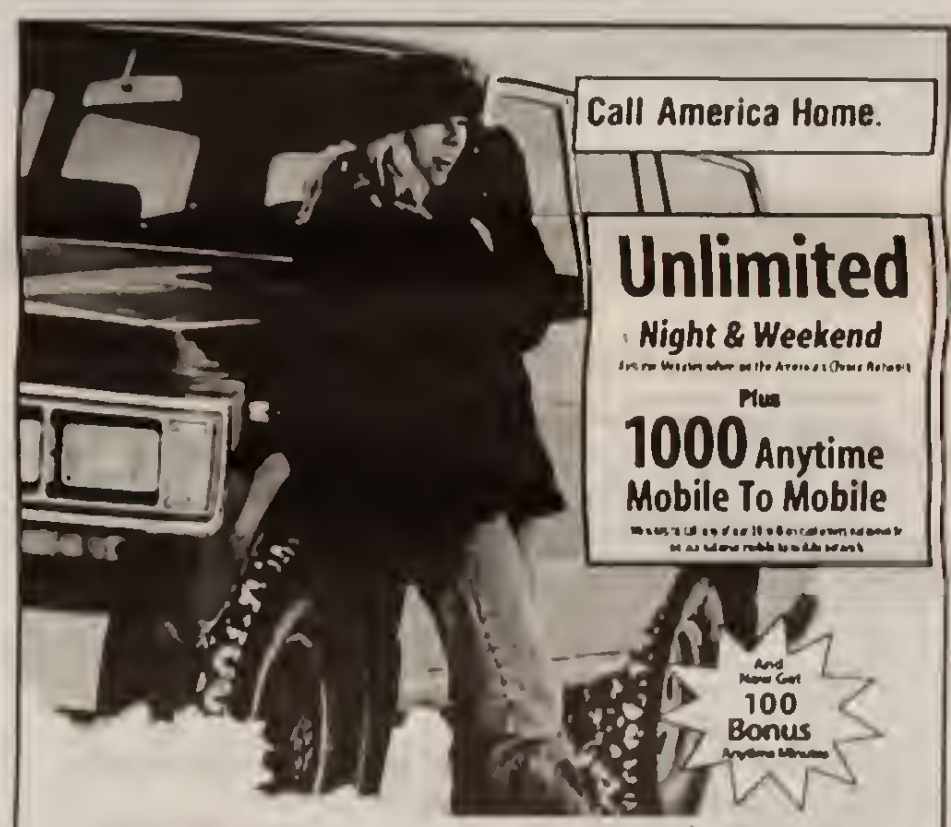

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Larceny Emerges In Small Packages: Nine Laptops Stolen

A rash of computer thefts were reported during the week by Borough and Township police.

During the late evening of January 14 and early morning of January 15, three thefts were reported at 53 Blair Hall, Princeton University, involving laptop computers and a Sony Playstation game system. Suspect(s) unknown had entered the victims' unlocked dorm room.

A Macintosh G4 laptop valued at $2,200 was stolen from Ford McDougal Scudder, 19; an IBM Thinkpad T-22, valued at $2,000, was taken from Nhan Viet Tran, 19; and a Sony Playstation, along with six Playstation CDs having a combined value of $490, were stolen from Craig Kowal, also 19.

At approximately the same time, three IBM Thinkpad laptops, having a total value of $6,300, were stolen from three roommates at 43 Blair Hall. The victims were Paulo Quiros, Robert Kulick and Michael Gallagher. Police suspect the same perpetrator(s) might be responsible for all six thefts.

Still another laptop was stolen on University property, from a 23-year-old Texas resident, Mark Grayson. During the early morning of January 19 the victim had his unattended backpack stolen from the Frist Center. It contained a Dell Latitude laptop valued at $1,000, a cell phone valued at $100, a leather wallet with money clip valued at $100, miscellaneous papers and $20 in cash.

In a similar case, person(s) unknown broke two windows in order to enter a business office at 1000 Herrontown Road between the hours of 11 p.m., January 15, and 7 a.m., January 16. Three laptop computers, having a combined value of $3,200, were stolen from the office.

Electronic equipment was also stolen in a Borough burglary on January 14. A 22-year-old Berrien Court resident was the victim of burglary and theft when person(s) unknown entered her home via a bathroom window and stole her electronic equipment, and some jewelry, valued at $705.

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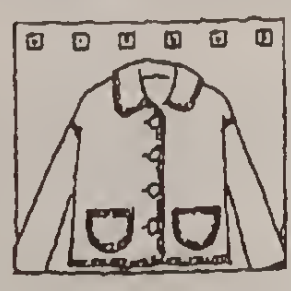

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TRAVELERS FROM AFAR: Lobsang Yonten, left, and Lobsang Monlam, members of a group of Tibetan Buddhist monks that visited The Lawrenceville School from their monastery in Mundgod, South India last week, assist in the construction of a sand mandala. (Photo by Rebecca Blackwell)

Auto Theft

The recent cold weather may have led indirectly to the theft of an automobile on John Street during the evening of January 19. Rafael Maldonado, 31, of Bordentown, had left his 1995 Nissan unattended while warming it up, only to discover that it had been stolen when he returned. The vehicle was valued at $6,500.

A 28-year-old Pennington resident discovered on January 16 that she had been the victim of identity theft, forgery and theft three days earlier, when $3,245 was illegally withdrawn from her bank account. The thief had used the victim's information to fill out a withdrawal slip and withdraw money from the victim's account at the Fleet Bank office on Nassau Street.

Michael James Trinidad, 38, of Kendall Park, was stopped on Nassau Street on January 16 for driving with a suspended license. He was subsequently arrested on an active warrant against him issued by the North Brunswick Municipal Court. He was charged with contempt of court and released on his own recognizance after posting bail of $113.

Five DWI Incidents

Five arrests for driving while intoxicated were reported by Borough police. In the first incident, on January 15, Harman David Dumont, 36, of Somerville, was stopped for failure to keep right on Witherspoon Street. He was subsequently arrested when he was determined to have been driving while intoxicated. The following day, Kevin F. Dachnowski, 24, of Belle Mead, was also stopped for failure to keep right, on Mercer Street. Both men were released with summonses into the custody of friends.

In addition, Christy T. Tuthill, 23, of West Windsor, was stopped at 1 a.m. on January 17 after making an illegal U-turn on Nassau Street. Juan Ramirez, 28, of Princeton, was found to be sleeping behind the wheel of his car at 2 a.m. on the morning of January 19, while it was parked on Bayard Lane. And Michelle M. Haupt, a 22-year-old Basking Ridge resident, was arrested for driving the wrong way on a one-way street in Princeton. All three were charged with DWI and assigned a court date of January 30.

Global Cinema Café Offers Film on Rape

The Global Cinema Café will present a free screening of the documentary film *Rope is...* on Sunday, February 2, at 4 p.m.

Produced and Directed by Margaret Lazarus and Renner Wunderlich of Cambridge Documentary Films, *Rope is...* explores the meaning, severity, and consequences of rape. Released in 2002, it examines rape in local and global contexts, and the cultural conditions that contribute to the occurrence of rape and silencing of survivors. According to the film-makers, rape is the most underreported crime in America.

No one disputes that a sexual attack by a stranger is an act of rape, but what about the more common acts of sexual violence committed by relatives, dates, boyfriends, or customers of the sex trades? *Rope is...* explores these issues, focusing on the price survivors of these acts pay, not only in physical pain but in psychological damage.

Margaret Lazarus and Renner Wunderlich previously won an Academy Award for their documentary on battered women, *Defending Our Lives*.

Guest speaker at the screening will be Karen Herman, a doctoral student at the Rutgers University School of Social Work whose areas of research are violence against women and social change. She is the coordinator of the Rutgers University Department of Sexual Assault Services and Crime Victim Assistance.

The Global Cinema Café is at the University's Carl A. Fields Center for Equality and Cultural Understanding, formerly the Third World Center, at the corner of Olden and Prospect Streets.

Triumph to Host Seminar On Sustainable Business

Triumph Brewing Company will host a seminar entitled "The Natural Step Framework Seminar for Sustainable Business and Communities: A Win-Win for People, Planet, and Profits." The seminar will be held Wednesday, January 22, from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., at Triumph, 138 Nassau Street.

Ecologist and economist Terry Gips will present an approach to allowing businesses and individuals to save money and create jobs while restoring the environment and promoting social stability. Questions that will be discussed include: Can we create a sustainable future for our children? Does environmental responsibility have to cost more or mean a lesser lifestyle? Is an all-organic McDonald's with green, renewable energy possible?

Mr. Gips is the president of Sustainability Associates, a Minnesota-based environmental consulting firm. He has served as a White House and Congressional aide and is the author of *Breoking the Pesticide Hobit*.

The seminar costs $110 in advance or $115 at the door. Lunch can be ordered in advance for an additional fee. Entry is half-price for members of sponsoring organizations, including the Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association, Triumph Brewing Company, and Partners for Environmental Quality in Trenton.

To register, call Candy Reed at the Watershed Association at (609) 737-3735, or e-mail creed@thewatershed.org.

Applications Available For "Communiversity"

Applications are now available for "Communiversity," a juried street arts festival that attracts thousands of people to the heart of Princeton each year.

The event is scheduled for Saturday, April 26 from noon to 4 p.m. on Nassau and Witherspoon streets and the Princeton University campus.

All interested participants — including artists, crafters, food and merchandise vendors, non-profit organizations, and performers — must receive an application from the Arts Council of Princeton.

Applications for performers are due by March 21; all other applications are due by March 28.

The Arts Council is located in the Paul Robeson Building at 102 Witherspoon Street. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on weekends by appointment. For more information, call (609) 924-8777 or visit www.artscouncilof princeton.org.

TAKING THE A-TRAIN: The Princeton High School Studio Band held its first performance and dance of the year this Friday, playing from their repertoire of big band music and raising funds for future jazz competitions. (Photo by Rebecca Blackwell)

Ordinance Introduced By Borough Council Will Hike Taxi Fares

Borough Council earlier this month introduced an ordinance that would raise the taxi fare to any place within the Borough from $4 to $6. This is just one of many fare increases included in the ordinance, which is scheduled for a public hearing and vote at the February 11 Council meeting.

The ordinance also stipulates that the cost for each additional passenger to the same destination within the Borough would rise from $1 to $2, and that the cost per passenger for two or more passengers to separate destinations within the Borough would go up from $3 to $5.

A new provision reads that, outside the Borough, a rate of $2.50 per mile will be charged, which will be added to the initial base fare.

Night rates, which are in effect from 10 p.m. to 7 a.m., would go from $5 to $7 for one passenger; from $1 to $3 for each additional passenger; and from $4 to $6 per person for two or more passengers going to separate destinations within the Borough.

Also, the cost of waiting time would increase from $5 per quarter hour to $8.

Riders currently may take without additional charge one piece of baggage into a taxi. After that, the cost is 50 cents per unit of baggage and 25 cents per grocery bag. A new provision in the ordinance states that additional charges for baggage deemed to be excessive in size and weight may occur, and that charges for these must be agreed upon by both driver and passenger before the taxi trip takes place.

Another ordinance, also scheduled for a public hearing and vote on February 11, provides that every driver of a dial-a-ride taxicab is required to provide each passenger with a receipt indicating the driver's name, fee, and description of the trip.

In other action, Council approved a $1,202,400 three-year contract for collection and removal of solid waste with Waste Management of New Jersey. Waste Management was the lowest bidder, with Central Jersey Waste and Recycling bidding $1,619,964.

The cost in the first year of the agreement will go up 4.7 percent over current costs. According to Borough Administrator Robert Bruschi, "This increase, given industry-wide insurance increases, is extremely small." Mr. Bruschi also noted,"Waste Management of New Jersey has collected solid waste for the Borough under previous contracts and has performed their work satisfactorily."

Council also approved a resolution authorizing the Borough to participate in the Mercer County Improvement Authority recycling program for 2003, at a cost of $78,652. This is an increase of $1,086 over last year.

—Myrna K. Bearse

Archaeologist to Speak To Historical Society

Richard Hunter, principal archaeologist of Hunter Research, will lecture on "Archaeology around Town: Morven, the Public Library, and other Princeton-area Excavations" at the Historical Society of Princeton's annual meeting.

Scheduled for 8 p.m. on Thursday, January 23, the annual meeting will be followed by Dr. Hunter's presentation of the Lewis B. Cuyler Lecture at 8:15 p.m. in the auditorium of the Computer Sciences Building on Olden Street at William Street on the Princeton University campus.

Dr. Hunter has more than 20 years of experience directing archaeological and historical studies in the Northeastern United States. He was vice president and archaeologist of Heritage Studies in Princeton, and he holds a Ph.D. in geography from Rutgers University as well as an M.A. in archaeological studies from the University of Bradford in England.

His publications include *From Teacups to Toilets: A Century of Industrial Pottery in Trenton* and *Hopewell: A Historical Geography*. In addition, he has taught classics and archaeology at Douglas College at Rutgers University. For more information, call (609) 921-6748 or visit www.princetonhistory.org.

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School Contracts

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Ms. Burns indicated that the projects at the elementary schools and the middle school would be ready to break ground by the beginning of March, following a time period in which necessary permits will be retained and preparations will be made.

A Multi-Year Tosk

Intended to facilitate new construction and renovations at each of its six schools, the district's $81.3 million, multi-year project is being funded through a $61.3 million bond referendum overwhelmingly approved by voters on May 15, 2001, plus $20 million in state aid.

After rejecting all of its few first-round bids for its projects at the elementary schools and the middle school on October 4, the School Board opened its second round of bids for its district-wide project on December 12. While bids for the four elementary schools were under budget, those related to the project at the middle school exceeded the district's budget by at least $1 million, and the bids for PHS were over budget by roughly $14 million.

The School Board had established the amount of the referendum and sought voter approval of it on the basis of cost projections determined by The Hillier Group. Preliminary figures released prior to the referendum indicated that the improvements to each elementary school would cost $5 million, the middle school project would cost $18 million, and the renovations at PHS would cost more than $38 million.

Contracts Awarded

In its most recent round of bids, the School Board divided its district-wide project into four components: Community Park and Johnson Park elementary schools; Riverside and Littlebrook elementary schools; John Witherspoon Middle School; and Princeton High School.

For the joint Community Park and Johnson Park elementary schools project, the accepted bid totaled $8.3 million. It included bids of $5 million by the Fletcher-Harley Corporation to serve as the general contractor and $1.4 million by Thermal Piping to perform the HVAC (heating, ventilation, and air conditioning) work.

The approved bid regarding the joint Littlebrook and Riverside elementary schools project was $9.1 million. The contract includes bids of $5.6 million by Imperial Construction to be the general contractor and $1.6 million by PJM Mechanical Contractors for the HVAC installation.

For the John Witherspoon Middle School project, the School Board accepted a bid totaling $19 million. The accepted total includes a bid of $11.5 million by Hessert Construction Corporation, which was recently outbid for the construction of the Princeton Public Library, to serve as the general contractor and $2.9 million by Thermal Piping to conduct the HVAC work.

In awarding the contracts last week, the School Board decided not to bundle the middle school and high school projects together, a move that had been previously mentioned by district officials as a possible way to save money.

"We were not convinced that we were going to save the money that the architects thought we might," said Ms. Burns, "and we really didn't want to hold the project up."

PHS Project

In an effort to bring the district's construction project under budget, architects of The Hillier Group presented five redesign options for Princeton High School to members of the School Board and the public on January 7.

The plans could save the district as much as $15 million by calling for more renovation of the existing structure, less demolition and new construction, and a project schedule that could facilitate a completion date by September 2004.

Presented by George Luaces of The Hillier Group, the five redesign options include a courtyard that would serve as "the center of gravity" at PHS, a new gymnasium adjacent to the new performing arts center — a move that would reduce overall athletic field space — and an overall increase in the amount of square footage.

According to Mr. Luaces, the redesigns alone could save the district roughly $8 million. Representatives of The Hillier Group made further proposals in an effort to cut more than $7 million from the construction price.

Those options include reducing the price of the insurance that must be purchased by contractors and saving $2 million by installing air conditioning in only certain portions of the new building — the cafeteria, the library, and the auditorium — or by choosing to install a unit ventilator system rather than the proposed duct work.

Response to Public

At the January 14 meeting, the School Board responded to various concerns raised by local citizens.

"I was surprised that there was no effort to re-examine the size, scope, and placement of the performing arts center," said Michael Crackel of Moore Street.

Barbara Prince, a former member of the School Board, called for the science labs to be included within new construction and for the installation of air conditioning throughout the entire building.

Ms. Burns stated that the School Board's architectural team will maintain the needs of all educational programs while considering several different design options and trying to retain the air conditioning. She also reasserted the School Board's desire to refrain from asking public voters to approve additional funding. "We're going to get a bid that we can accept," she said.

"There are two major components that will allow us to save money," stated Michael Mostoller, a member of the School Board and an architect. "Substituting renovation for new construction and consolidating the footprint of the new construction so that it is done at once and within a shorter time frame."

"I think that we're going to be able to make that money up," said Ms. Burns. "I think we're going to be pleasantly surprised." **—David McNutt**

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Fee: No fee.
Registration Required. Call 609-497-4480

Dr. Kennedy will review risk factors, screening and treatment options. New National Osteoporosis Foundation guidelines, exercise programs and reducing falls in the home will be discussed by Dr. Graham.

Look Good — Feel Better American Cancer Society Program

Date: Monday, February 10 *Time:* 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Location: Lambert House, Classroom #4, Princeton Hospital
Fee: No fee
Registration Required. Call 609-895-0867, ext. 202

A cosmetologist will provide free one-time makeovers to women who are currently undergoing cancer treatment. Beauty techniques will be demonstrated that can help related side effects.

Pediatric CPR for Family and Friends

Date: Friday, February 7 *Time:* 7:00-9:30 p.m.
OR: Saturday, February 15 *Time:* 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Location: Lambert House Classrooms, Princeton Hospital
Fee: $35 per person
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Snoring and Sleep Disorders

Date: Wednesday, February 19 *Time:* 6:00-7:30 p.m.
Location: Ground Floor Conference Room B, Princeton Hospital
Speaker: David Goldfarb, DO
Fee: No fee.
Registration Required. Call 609-497-4480

If you or someone you love snores or has extremely fragmented sleep, attend this seminar and learn the symptoms of sleep apnea. Dr. Goldfarb will also review new treatments for snoring and obstructive sleep apnea.

Healthy Heart Fair

Date: Saturday, February 22 *Time:* 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
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— Pepe St. Phard, Princeton Avenue

"I don't really care who is in the Super Bowl if it's not the New England Patriots, because I'm from Maine and it's only exciting when it's my team. I'll probably be eating pizza, drinking beer, and watching the game somewhere on campus. I watch it even though I don't care about it. It's always a fun party."

—Emily Mitchell, Pyne Hall, Princeton University

"It looks like it's going to be a great competition, and I will probably sit down and watch it with my roommates or by myself. I just enjoy watching good football, so for me it's not a question of who, but how, they play."

—Crystal Davenport-Harris, Spelman Hall, Princeton University

"I don't follow football much, so probably hanging out with friends at the dorm or something. The last maybe three years I haven't watched the Super Bowl. If there is something better to do, I'm doing it."

—Lyle Watson, Alexander Hall, Princeton Theological Seminary

New Family Programs Announced by YMCA

The Princeton Family YMCA has introduced a new line-up of family-centered activities designed to help families participate in activities together while finding the right balance between work and home.

The new family programs include:

"Fabulously Fun Fridays," an opportunity for families to swim together in the YMCA's heated indoor pool: January 24 and February 21;

"Parent's Night Out," bimonthly Friday night activities for school age children from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. that permits parents to take a night off: Valentine's Day, February 14;

Parent/child swim classes and the annual family ski trip on February 22, which give parents and children opportunities to participate together;

Youth Arts, Enrichment and Sports programs, now offered on Saturdays and weekday evenings, which allow parents to use YMCA workout facilities while their children participate in a class.

The new Kids Corner provides evening and weekend baby-sitting so parents of younger children can get a workout as well. Saturday and weekday evening programs include Art Workshop, the Art of Magic, Mad Science, Fencing, Table Tennis and Tae Kwon Do.

For more information on YMCA programs, call (609) 497-9622 or visit www.princetonol.com/groups/YMCA.

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Christmas Fund Appeal Will Soon End, As Donations Lag Behind Last Year

One of the special moments of the Town Topics Christmas Fund appeal is the annual visit to the office of Lise Pacala, a Rollingmead resident. She and her husband Steven are the parents of three children who, for many years, have picked up money they find on the street, save it up all year, and then donate it to the Christmas Fund.

This year, the found money totaled $23.66, bolstered by a $10 bill discovered on the pavement during Communiversity. Mr. and Mrs. Pacala, along with so many other Princeton residents, also give a contribution of their own to the Fund.

With just a week to go before the Fund appeal ends, the amount contributed has reached $37,465. Unless there is a remarkable surge in giving in the coming week, the final total will be below the $44,023 donated last year.

This means that fewer people will be helped by the Fund. Although this is disappointing, it parallels a decrease in the level of giving experienced by many charities both regionally and nationally.

There is still time to help. Every cent contributed helps those in the community whose own resources have run out and who, in many cases, are facing a crisis situation.

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Oyster Eating Contest To Aid Cancer Research

"Oyster Bowl IV", the fourth oyster eating contest to benefit the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation NJ Race for the Cure, is set for January 26 (Superbowl Sunday).

Organized by the Blue Point Grill restaurant and the Komen New Jersey Race for the Cure, and cosponsored by Volvo of Princeton for the fourth straight year, this pregame event starts at 12:30 p.m. at the Blue Point Grill Restaurant located at 258 Nassau Street.

For a $35 entry fee ($25 with student id), contestants will receive a Race for the Cure T-shirt and all the oysters they can devour in two minutes. Prizes are awarded based on the total number of oysters eaten in that two-minute period. Last year's winner was Mira "Mighty Mouth" Seo, who ate an impressive 75 oysters in the two minute period. The men's winner of Oyster Bowl III was "Big" Lou Alfaro. Mr. Alfaro currently holds the Oyster Bowl record at 79 oysters; however, he could only manage 74 in last years event.

"We are thrilled that the Blue Point Grill is hosting this very special and fun event that will bring awareness to the importance of early detection of breast cancer," Nancy Kaplan Healey, Race co-chair, said.

To prepare for the anticipated 50-75 contestants, Blue Point Grill will begin shucking oysters at 8 a.m. Approximately 6,000 oysters will be opened. Volunteer judges and oyster counters will determine the winners.

Having raised approximately $15,000 with Oyster Bowls I, II and III, Blue Point Grill hopes to match or better the funding goal of $5,000 this year. "We plan on getting the spectators more involved this year by allowing them to bet on their favorite contestant." said Steve Murray, Blue Point Grill manager. "In addition to wagering, this year's Oyster Bowl will also feature a full lunch menu. These are a couple of new ways to help raise much needed money to help this fight against this horrible disease."

Ice Harvest Planned At Old-Time Farm

Howell Living History Farm will open its 2003 season with its annual ice harvesting event, on Saturday, January 25.

Visitors can help farmers cut, chop and shave ice, fill an ice house and make ice cream from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Conditions permitting, visitors can also join the harvest crew on a frozen pond and take a turn using an ice saw.

What if, against the prediction of "The Old Farmer's Almanac," there is no ice on the pond? The work will still go on, as it probably would have a century ago when farmers faced with warmer winters filled their ice houses with commercial ice.

A children's craft program, "Ice Candles," will be offered in the farmhouse from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The craft takes 20 minutes to complete and costs $2 per candle.

Howell Farm is located in Hopewell Township, on Valley Road, just off Rt. 29, two miles south of Lambertville. Parking and admission are free.

Seven Births Reported At Princeton Hospital

The Medical Center at Princeton has reported seven births to area residents in the period ending January 17.

Sons were born to Vincent and Sophie Batteur, Princeton, January 9; Daniel and Jennifer Chadwick, Lawrenceville, January 12; and Brian and Leah McDonald, Princeton, January 15.

Daughters were born to Lorenzo and Rita Chia, Lawrenceville, January 9; Peter and Elizabeth Kelly, Lawrenceville, January 10; Nicholas and Denise Schiera, West Windsor, January 14; and Edward and Neeta O'Mara, Skillman, January 16.

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Sir Walter Scott was a great believer in the touch method. He wore a wooden button on his coat and found that if he fingered it while reciting, he did all right.

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The wood knockers are thought to be of older vintage than the touchers. They are thought to be descendants of primitive folk who howled and beat the trees and bushes to frighten away evil spirits. As part of this custom, they added the practice of knocking on a tree or bough to summon the protecting but mysterious elves, who, as we all know, lived in the beautiful forest trees.

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Susan Flynn

Creamy Apple Pie

When it's too cold to go out, baking can be a rewarding way to spend the afternoon. This recipe yields a cozy treat.

1 cup sugar
½ tsp. cinnamon
½ tsp. salt
Grated rind of one lemon
2 tbsp. flour
4 cups sliced apples
1 egg
⅓ cup sugar
Juice of ½ lemon
3 oz. pkg. cream cheese
½ cup sour cream
1 unbaked pie shell

Combine 1 cup of sugar, ½ teaspoon cinnamon, ½ teaspoon salt, grated rind of one lemon, 2 tablespoons of flour. Add 4 cups (approximately 4 large apples) of peeled, cored, and sliced apples which have been coated with the juice of ½ lemon. Blend well. Put the apple mixture in an unbaked pie shell. Dot with butter. Cover with a top crust. Cut a steam hole in the center, bake at 450 for 10 minutes, reduce heat to 375 and continue baking 40-45 minutes. Cool pie 10 minutes, then pour the cream sauce into the steam hole.

Cream Sauce

Combine 1 egg, ⅓ cup of sugar and the juice of ½ lemon. Cook over low heat stirring constantly until thickened. Stir in 3 oz. package of cream cheese and ½ cup of sour cream. Blend until smooth. Pour the mixture into the steam hole of the pie.

More to Come ... Watch this space weekly for Princeton's favorite recipes... *Provided by Sara EK Cooper, Town Topics*

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ALL THINGS POLENTA: Guests at Dorothea's House's annual Polenta Festa choose from among approximately 30 dishes made with polenta, a cornmeal that is a staple in the mountain regions of Northern Italy. Approximately 100 people attended the recent feast at Dorothea's House on John Street. The Italian cultural center offers classes and events for people of Italian descent and people interested in Italian culture.

(Photo by Rebecca Blackwell)

Synagogue Will Collect Books for Children

Throughout February, Congregation Beth Chalm, 329 Village Road East, Princeton Junction, will be accepting donations of books in good condition for the "Reach Out and Read" program at Bristol-Myers Squibb Children's Hospital at Robert Wood Johnson in New Brunswick.

According to Barbara Lerman-Golomb of the synagogue's Social Action Committee, needed most are stories for 9- to 12-year-olds, as well as social studies textbooks and books about New Jersey history.

"Reach Out and Read" is a national project that trains doctors and nurses to teach parents about the importance of reading aloud. Children will receive the donated books at pediatric well-child checkups and during hospital stays. The program, which encourages early literacy skills in order that children can enter school prepared for reading success, provides three million books annually to 1.5 million children, many of whom live in poverty.

Books will be collected in the synagogue lobby. For further information about the program, call Ms. Lerman-Golumb at (609) 252-0213.

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Deer Program

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A helicopter deer count performed by Anthony DeNicola, president of White Buffalo, after a significant snowfall in early December concluded that a total of 680 to 750 deer remain within the Township.

Endorsement Overruled

In late November, Township Committee received the endorsement of the state's Division of Fish and Wildlife for a third year of the program.

On the basis of the evaluation committee's recommendation and the endorsement of the division, Township Committee unanimously approved a resolution on December 2 that called for a third year of culling as well as the introduction of both a $50,000 immunocontraception and a $10,000 sterilization pilot programs should the 2003 budget allow for such non-lethal alternatives.

In addition, Township Committee approved the development of the monitoring systems, the maintenance of the Township's pilot road reflector program, and the inclusion of an observer from the Humane Society of the United States should the program utilize its net-and-bolt method.

The Township then forwarded their application to the Fish and Game Council, which oversees the operations of the Division of Fish and Wildlife and which thereby holds the final vote of approval regarding wildlife management.

"We're disappointed that the council didn't follow the recommendations of the division," said Mr. Schmierer. "With what we've achieved in the last two years, we'd hate to see all that effort go to waste."

According to Township officials, the rate of deer-vehicle collisions has decreased by 50 percent since the beginning of the program.

Mr. Schmierer indicated that the inclusion of the net-and-bolt method and the restrictions imposed on local hunters were significant factors within the council's decision. "There seemed to be a number of people on the council," he said, "who were uncomfortable with the net-and-bolt system."

Trishka Waterbury, assistant Township attorney, stated that while all public lands are currently closed to hunting, the Township will examine which public properties might be suitable for hunting and could approve such a change by the beginning of the 2004 hunting season.

Opponents Applaud

Opponents of the Township's deer program commended the council's actions.

"This decision came even as Princeton had employees of White Buffalo in town," said Mr. Mayer. "They presumed that they would get a permit, but they did not."

According to Mr. Mayer, New Jersey Governor James McGreevey, whose residence at Drumthwacket lies within the Township, termed the use of the net-and-bolt system a "heinous" practice in a December 18 conversation on 101.5 FM.

"This instrument is inhumane," said Mr. Mayer while holding one of the retractable bolt instruments in the air and placing it to his head. "Taking this instrument and ramming it into a deer's skull has no place in civilized society."

"We should all be proud of the council for putting public safety above partisan agendas," said attorney Falk Engel, who asserted that he and his colleagues had presented information to the council that demonstrated that rifles had been used in the Township's program too close to private homes.

According to Mr. Enslin, the council was provided with misinformation by opponents of the program shortly before its vote. "This has been their strategy over the last few years," he said.

"The time has come for Princeton to live up to its reputation and to use its intelligence and resources to create non-lethal means," said attorney Bruce Afran.

Along with his colleagues, Mr. Afran called for the Township to maintain and increase its road reflector system. In July, Thomas Poole, a member of the Deer Management Evaluation Committee, announced that the reflector program had proven unsuccessful.

"Road reflectors have worked in every other community that has tried them," stated Mr. Afran. "They have not worked in Princeton because they are not properly maintained and because this government is committed to a deer body count policy."

Township's Plans

"The Township is committed to a program of controlling the deer population," said Township Committeewoman Casey Hegener. "We are committed to continue to reduce the deer-car collision rate, and we are mindful of the health issues and environmental dangers involved."

Township officials stated that they will resubmit an application, one which will not include the net-and-bolt system but which will retain capacity to conduct immunocontraception.

"We will resubmit for a permit," stated Ms. Hegener. "We believe the net-and-bolt component was what kept us from getting our permit this year.

"We believe strongly that we are doing the right thing," she added. "Many communities have programs like this for many good reasons. It would be irresponsible for us to sit back and say, 'OK, you've done us in.'"

"If they reapply, we'll be ready," said Mr. Mayer. "We're vigilant, we're watching. This fight will continue until they come up with a policy of non-lethal means."

—David McNutt

Watershed Schedules Search for Bald Eagles

"Bald Eagle Watch," a search for Bald Eagles in the Delaware Water Gap, has been scheduled for Saturday, January 25, by the Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association. The daytrip will run from 8 a.m. until approximately 8:30 p.m.

Once nearly extinct, the Bald Eagle is one of the greatest environmental success stories. During the winter months, these raptors are concentrated along the Delaware River, riding the thermals of the Kittatinny Ridge and Pocono Plateau and sitting in trees along the riverbank looking for their next meal. "Bald Eagle Watch" offers an opportunity to experience these creatures in their natural surroundings.

Trip participants will gather at the Watershed Reserve for morning refreshments and then depart by charter bus for the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area at 8 a.m. A guide from the Pocono Environmental Education Center will lead the group to the best possible viewing areas along the Delaware and Lackawanna Rivers.

Participants may view from the bus or walk with the naturalist.

Fee for the trip is $60 for Watershed members, $70 for non-members. It includes bus fare, morning refreshments, and dinner at Dansbury Depot.

Enrollment is limited. Registration, by January 18, is by payment only. For more information call (609) 737-7592 .

The Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association is located at 31 Titus Mill Road in Pennington.

Correction

We would like to send a note of apology to Condoleezza Rice, but we can't seem to get the spelling of her name right.

We welcomed Edward Murphy-Schwartz's letter correcting our spelling of Ms. Rice's name in the January 8 issue of Town Topics. But when his letter was printed in the January 15 issue, the second "z" had drifted off and we were left with the incorrect spelling — again.

We were alerted to our error by a succinct e-mail from Ellen Foos, senior production editor at Princeton University Press. She wrote, "You still got the spelling wrong!"

For the record, and typing with fingers crossed, it's Condoleezza Rice.

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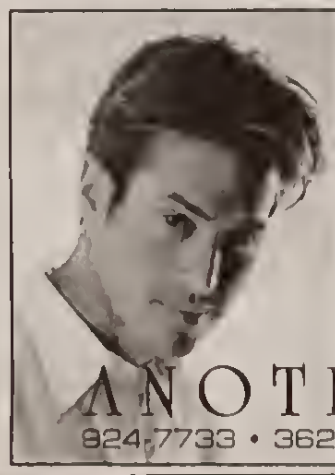
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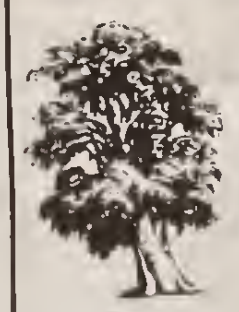
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Motion Is Filed By the Borough Against Lawsuit

Princeton Borough has filed a motion in Superior Court to dismiss a suit brought January 10 by Concerned Citizens of Princeton attempting to block the proposed downtown redevelopment complex and force a public referendum on the project.

The goal of the lawsuit, according to attorney R. William Potter, is to invalidate the designation of the site of the proposed complex as an area in need of development. Doing this, he said, would allow a referendum to be held on the $13.5 million bond that would fund the proposed garage and plaza.

The suit seeks declaratory relief from the Court that the redevelopment site is not blighted and an area in need of redevelopment, and asks that the Borough not be permitted to implement the redevelopment plan.

Borough Council was expected to approve construction of the redevelopment complex at its meeting scheduled for Tuesday night, January 21.

In his motion, Borough Attorney Michael Herbert states that, instead of challenging the process in a timely manner, plaintiffs waited a full ten months before they filed the complaint. "In the interim, all of the municipal actions necessary for the redevelopment process were completed, in reliance upon the fact that the area in need of redevelopment designation was not challenged."

He also argues that to the extent that the plaintiffs also claim that the Borough's adoption of the redevelopment plan was improper, that claim should have been brought within 45 days of June 11, 2002, the date the Borough adopted the plan.

The Borough's motion also states that the state Legislature, in passing the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, made certain that once a redevelopment plan was created by a municipal government, it would not be subject to referendum.

The proposed redevelopment project will include a 500-space parking garage and a public landscaped plaza between the new Princeton Public Library, now under construction, and the garage. These will be financed and owned by the Borough.

It will also include two multi-story buildings containing approximately 15,000 square feet of retail space on the ground level and approximately 75,000 square feet of residential space on the upper level. These will be owned by Nassau HKT Associates and built on land leased from the Borough.

The residential portion will consist of 77 units, of which 65 are expected to be market rate rental units and 12 to be affordable housing units.

The complex will be built on the two surface parking lots facing Spring Street, lands that are owned by the Borough.

—Myrna K. Bearse

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MAILBOX

Mayor and Council Should Not Give Approval To Contract With Downtown Developer

This is a copy of a letter sent to Princeton Borough Mayor and Council.

To the Editor:

On January 21, you should not approve the contract with the developer for downtown construction.

You are pleased with the selected local developer. The developer is going to sell this contract, probably within two years. The contract places no limitations on whom he sells to, it does not even require that Council get a copy of the sales contract. This project may be sold to a developer from Saudi Arabia, Pakistan, China, or Texas.

Council should limit to whom the contract is sold. The Chinese Army owns many businesses and properties. Should the Chinese Army own this project?

When the contract is sold, the developer profits. Whatever profit the developer gets is due to the guarantees that the Borough is providing. Borough/taxpayers should get 60 percent of the profits. Under the proposed contract, they get nothing.

The developer pays yearly a small percentage of his rents and an adjustment computed using the Consumer Price Index (CPI) to the Borough. The use of the CPI is irrelevant to Princeton. Princeton is a unique community. The CPI for the Philadelphia or North Jersey region does not accurately reflect what is occurring in Princeton. A house of a given size costs more in Princeton than in the surrounding communities. That is because of the premium value of a Princeton location. By using the CPI, Council is entering into a contract that will prevent it from receiving the full value it should. Instead of using the CPI in the computation of rent paid, it should be a percent of gross rents yearly — probably at least 40 percent and Council receives a copy of every lease.

Council believes it has negotiated a great deal. It has not. Only a developer can negotiate well with another developer. No one on Council is a developer.

Alternatively, change the terms of the entire project, so the developer owns and operates/rents the garage, apartments and stores and takes all the risk. Taxpayers have no risk. The contract specifies the parking fees, so they are kept low. Every few years they are amended to accommodate current conditions. Borough receives a percentage of all gross rents. When the developer sells his interest, he keeps all the profits. The developer is responsible for raising the money for the project, so taxpayers are never responsible for making up a shortfall in monies due bondholders. Let the developer take the risk, not the taxpayers.

A 99-year lease is too long under any circumstance.

Do not approve this contract. Borough and taxpayers are guaranteed to lose. The first big loss occurs in the near future when the developer sells his contract for an enormous profit that he keeps.

ELEANOR J. LEWIS
Linden Lane

Princeton Also Had an Anti-War Protest This Past Saturday on Palmer Square

To the Editor:

Washington, D. C., San Francisco, and other big cities were not the only places that had antiwar demonstrations last Saturday. Princeton did too. Thirty nine of us humans and one dog held our own antiwar demonstration last Saturday on Palmer Square. Not bad for a small city that had already sent five buses to Washington.

Fellow demonstrator Ann, who had voted for Bush, told me she felt betrayed. I, who had voted for Gore felt simply dismayed. Even my worst fears at the time of the 2000 election had not included the possibility of a preemptive war against Iraq. Iraq is not an immediate or foreseeable threat to its neighbors or the United States. The buildup for war with Iraq already diverts attention and resources from pressing domestic issues. There have already been American casualties during the buildup. An invasion will bring more American casualties and many Iraqi casualties. Peaceful inspections and diplomacy, not war, are the best way.

If you want to learn more, come visit us at our weekly vigil Saturday from 1 to 2 PM at Palmer Square.

DAWN DAY
Meadowbrook Drive

Grumpy Folks Here Don't Rely on Stoicism But Instead Actively Voice Their Feelings

To the Editor:

I suppose for many, it is the winter of their discontent. Out of a perhaps foolish largesse, I am willing to grant that extended bouts of grey skies and icy cold can turn even a normally agreeable soul grumpy. But unlike most people, grumpy folks in Princeton do not rely on stoicism but instead actively voice their feelings, often substituting a wooly political diatribe for more therapeutic communication, such as the honest expression of their personal problems.

Let me make this clearer: I was walking up Witherspoon Street on a frigid Saturday to get a coffee at Small World. In order to deal with the freezing winds along my stroll into town, I wore my trusted pair of leather pants, along with numerous other layers and a leather jacket. Perhaps I looked like the Road Warrior, but what's a girl to do? Anyway, before I could enter the warm, aromatic precincts of Small World, I was verbally accosted by a young and rather disheveled couple outside. In a venomous tone, the woman asked me if I had any idea how many cows it took to make my clothes. Startled, I failed to confess my ignorance regarding bovine seamstresses. I also didn't have the quick wits to comment on their Dr. Martens boots, leather belts, or bag of Burger King treats. Instead, I followed Wittgenstein's wise advice by preserving silence, a policy more appropriate for the two hypocritical zealots posted like trolls outside the coffee shop.

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Giving Spirit of the Princeton Community Led to a Very Successful Holiday Season

To the Editor:

Kids-for-Kids has had a very successful holiday season thanks to the help of many people and organizations within the Princeton community. We would particularly like to thank the McCarter Theater and especially Hannah, Schussel, and Dan Bauer as well as the Palmer Square Organization for their support with the toys and warm clothes drive at "Holiday Central." We would also like to thank the Nassau Presbyterian Church for its enthusiastic involvement in this drive. The McCarter Theater also generously donated 40 tickets to a fabulous performance of *A Christmas Carol* for the third year in a row. These were greatly appreciated by the special needs children who attended and by Kids-for-Kids members and chaperones.

Last but not least, we would like to express our appreciation to all the families who contributed to the towel drive set up at all the Princeton Regional Elementary Schools and Princeton Charter School, and to all of the administrators at these schools for letting us set up the drive. Kids-for-Kids has only been able to accomplish these successful endeavors because of the giving spirit of the Princeton community. Together we have brought delight to many young needy children, who are extremely grateful for your kindness and generosity. Thank you.

DARYL ROTHMAN
Co-Coordinator of Kids-for-Kids of NJ, Inc.
Princeton

Township Deer Program Opponent Thanks Citizens of Princeton, State, and Nation

To the Editor:

Thanks to all the citizens of Princeton, of New Jersey and of the nation who have supported our efforts to end the notorious Princeton deer slaughter. The State of New Jersey and the Fish and Game Council are to be commended for their wise decision to deny a permit to Princeton to continue its medieval and barbaric killing. Commissioner Bradley Campbell deserves praise for his courage to hear both sides of the issue. Although I don't agree with the Commissioner on the issue, he has been extraordinarily intelligent and diligent in approaching this knotty issue. Governor McGreevey should be lauded for publicly calling the net and bolt killing "heinous." The decision by the state vindicates our legal claims that Princeton's program violates the animal cruelty laws of the state and is illegal because the military caliber highpowered weapons near Princeton homes pose a public danger.

The lawyers for Princeton citizens have repeatedly offered to negotiate and settle this matter with Princeton Township. Since Phyllis Marchand walked away from mediation efforts back in March of 2002, she has been absolutely unwilling to reach any compromise on this issue or entertain any input from the concerned citizens of Princeton. We renew our offer to Mayor Marchand to negotiate. There are numerous non-lethal, sale ways to reduce the deer and Princeton should set an example for the nation by crafting a program that works. Within a couple weeks — at a fraction of the cost of its kill — Princeton could install reflectors that would eliminate almost all deer-car accidents.

We also call on Mayor Marchand to end the divisive rhetoric, the attacks on Princeton citizens and the unprecedented and illegal secrecy surrounding this program. The courts have repeatedly rejected her claims that lawsuits brought by an ever-expanding number of Princeton citizens and groups around the country are "frivolous." If Ed Schmierer and Triska Waterbury — Princeton's lawyers — are concerned about taxpayer money as they profess, they should return the $250,000 they have charged Princeton taxpayers. As lawyers, we have offered to donate our private fees (not taxpayer funded) to the citizens of Princeton if Mr. Schmierer and Ms. Waterbury give back their fees.

We know Princeton has spent almost three-quarters of a million dollars on an illegal deer slaughter program. That money could go to important causes like education, health care, solving hunger and homelessness and environmental protection. The "leaders" of the Borough and Township need to stop alienating their own citizens on this issue and the garage debacle.

CARL MAYER
Battle Road

Over-Budget School Construction Bids Provide Opportunity to Remedy Error in Plans

To the Editor:

As a retired high school librarian and a past president of our professional association, the Educational Media Association of NJ (EMAnj), I am writing with a suggestion on how the Princeton schools might reduce costs of the renovation of the high school, and simultaneously improve the functionality of the building.

Given that the bids for construction have come in considerably over budget, I believe the Board has a unique opportunity to remedy a major error in its construction plans: re-locating the high school library to the current auditorium.

Why do I make this assertion? Here are my thoughts:

The configuration of the auditorium, with all those unmovable stone archways, is unsuited to a school library. The space will be inefficient, unsupervisable and fragmented, making library use difficult for students, faculty and staff.

The auditorium is smaller than the existing library, reducing the library's space just when usage is growing. The existing library is spacious and, with some modernization, will serve very well. As to the auditorium, correct its problems without creating new ones.

The idea that the library must be located on the ground floor with access for the public after school hours, is hard to understand, given that the community is building a first-class library, open every evening, just a few short blocks away. Furthermore, school library collections and public library collections, with some exceptions, are very different. School libraries provide primarily curriculum-based resources. Supplying the needs of the general public at the high school would require duplication of the resources of the public library — a considerable, needless expense.

During my 16 years as a high school librarian we went through major construction in which the size of the library was doubled and its facilities modernized. As president of EMAnj and a member of its board for 10 years I attended numerous workshops and conferences on school library design and visited dozens of libraries. Those with convoluted spaces, like PHS's auditorium, were very difficult to use and often proved unsafe.

I would be happy to discuss this issue with you further at your convenience; please call me at 921-7896, or email me at jberkel@aol.com.

SHEILA BERKELHAMMER
Allison Road

Historical Society Is Grateful to All Those Who Helped Make Its Recent Benefit a Success

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to Philip P. Porado's recent letter indicating that the Princeton Pettoranello Foundation was omitted from the Historical Society's thank-you letter to supporters of our benefit. Unfortunately, due to space limitations, *Town Topics* was not able to print the entire list, which included thirteen corporate sponsors, 83 residents and businesses which contributed to the Silent Auction, 27 businesses and foundations which placed ads in the program book, and 232 people who attended or gave contributions in honor of the event.

We are sorry that, under the circumstances, we could include only the major sponsors, and apologize to the Foundation, a longtime friend of the Society, and any other groups whose names were omitted. We were overwhelmed by the breadth of community support for the event, and are so grateful to all of those who helped to make the event a success.

GAIL F. STERN
Director, Historical Society of Princeton

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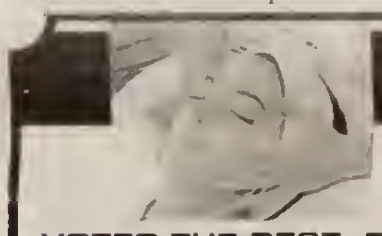
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Princetons Move Forward With Elm Court II Project

In an effort to meet demands for additional senior housing in Princeton, both Borough Council and Township Committee introduced ordinances that, if approved, could create a senior overlay zone to facilitate the proposed Elm Court II development.

On January 13, Township Committee unanimously introduced an ordinance by a 3-0 vote that could change the zoning designation of land owned by Princeton Community Housing (PCH) and located adjacent to the existing Elm Court community.

Because the property straddles the boundary between the Borough and the Township, Borough Council introduced a similar ordinance at its January 7 meeting.

The current Elm Court housing development comprises 88 affordable units for seniors over 62 years of age. By altering the zoning districts from single family use to age-restricted, low and moderate income housing for individuals over the age of 62, the ordinances would allow for the construction of 68 additional units.

Previously, the Princeton Regional Planning Board's Zoning Amendment Review Committee (ZARC) had determined that the proposed zoning change was consistent with Princeton's Master Plan and the Planning Board unanimously endorsed ZARC's recommendation at its December 19 meeting.

According to Township Attorney Edwin Schmierer, the ordinance would allow for the development of six dwelling units per acre with a maximum building height of 45 feet or three stories and a minimum setback of 50 feet from any surrounding residential properties.

In 1998, PCH began exploring the possibility of acquiring the land. Residents of the adjacent neighborhood, however, raised concerns and filed lawsuits that effectively stopped the development.

A settlement reducing the number of new housing units from 74 to 68 was reached between the Mountain Brook Homeowners Association and PCH in late 2001, paving the way for the development.

The public hearing and vote on Township Committee's ordinance will be held on Monday, February 10, while Borough Council will hold its public hearing and vote on Tuesday, February 11.

—David McNutt

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Elizabeth Morgan is chairman of the Program Committee, assisted by Claire Jacobus, Jacqueline Johnson, Alison Lahnston, Gretchen Oberfranc, Ruta Smithson, Nancy Klath, Barbara Griffin, Dallas Piotrowski, Judith Golden, and Rosemary O'Brien.

The Friends promote the interests of the Library, and present various programs throughout the year. Details about the dinner are available at (609) 258-5049.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Princeton First Aid and Rescue Squad will meet on January 27 at the Squad Building on North Harrison Street at 7:30 p.m.

Officers elected for 2003 are Shelly Davis, president; Marie Krystaponis, vice president; Barbara Perna, recording secretary; Carol Maclenon, corresponding secretary; and Kay Clausen, treasurer.

Newly elected trustees are Carol Maclenon, honorary trustee; and Ann Goeke, Ida Toto, Eileen Robertelli, Hope Bucci, and Betsy Servis, senior trustees.

The International Trade Network will meet January 28 to hear a talk by Michael G. Kessler titled "International Product Distribution — Security, Counterfeiting and Diversion."

The founder and principal of Michael G. Kessler & Associates, Ltd., Mr. Kessler has assisted in thousands of successful investigations for corporations and government agencies worldwide. He has been chief of investigations for New York State Tax and Finance, director for the New York State Revenue Crimes Bureau, and deputy inspector general for the New York Metropolitan Transportation Authority. He has supervised intergovernmental task forces and some of the largest undercover operations ever conducted in New York State.

The meeting will be held at 12 p.m. at the Nassau Club. For information on participating in this or other ITN programs, contact Richard M. Miller at (609) 921-3322.

ITN is a Princeton-based network of internationally focused professionals across a wide range of industries who meet regularly to learn from experts and exchange views, knowledge and expertise on the global marketplace. The club focuses on issues relating to international relationships, macro views of various economies, and cultural issues that are pertinent to successful business strategies and practices.

CHESSforum

The Caro-Kann Defense has historically been employed by grandmasters who are playing for a draw in a tournament game. However, there is no denying the dynamic capabilities of this solid defense.

In a previous column, I described black's main idea, control the d5 square by ...Nf6, ...c6, and even sometimes ...e6. In recent years, opening theorists have attempted to come up with some better systems for white, black has been equalizing far too easily.

One of the most common ideas now is a variation in the advance system (1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5) when white plays g4, Nc3, and Nge2 soon to be followed by Nf4. Black has a few options against this though, he can play simply with ...h6, ...Bh7 and a later ...c5, or he can choose to play more dynamically with ...h5!?

Another try for white is the Fantasy Variation, initiated by the opening moves 1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3, establishing white's pawn e4. There are, of course, drawbacks to this move. The knight usually finds a good home at f3, where it can now no longer go. This move can also be deemed passive. While it might be strong if black plays in a normal Caro-Kann fashion and gets crushed by white's advantage in space, black can get a good game through active play.

In this week's featured game, Lyell plays with inspiration (a little home preparation also helped). Notice how his play leads to easy development and a strong attack while white's king is stuck in the center.

Solution at bottom
White to mate in two.

Notice the difficulty white has developing comfortably his kingside pieces (i.e. the knight blocks the bishop). And black could have even improved an otherwise flawless game with 12...Bxe5 13.fxe5 Qxc3+ 14.Bd2 Qxe5+ 15.Be2 Bb5 with a three pawn advantage.

—Chad Lieberman

Taylor, R. (2195) - Lyell, M. (2265)
Torquay, 8.8.2002

1.e4	c6
2.d4	d5
3.f3	e6
4.Nc3	Qb6
5.Nge2	Nf6
6.Ng3	c5
7.dxc5	Bxc5
8.Na4	Qa5+
9.c3	Bd6
10.f4	Bd7
11.e5	Bxa4
12.b3	Bc5
13.bxa4	Qxc3+
14.Bd2	Qd4
15.Bb5+	Nc6
16.Rf1	Ne4
17.Nxe4	dxe4
18.Rc1	0-0-0
19.Qc2	Rd7
20.f5	exf5
21.Rxf5	Qg1+
22.Bf1	Be3
23.Bxe3	Qxe3+
24.Be2	Rhd8
25.Qc5	Rd1+
White resigns	

Solution: 1.Qxh7+! Kxh7
2.Rh1#

REVIVING A RURAL TRADITION: Members of Handsome Molly dance at Terhune Orchards in celebration of Plough Monday, the first Monday after Twelfth Night, when rural workers in England returned to work after the mid-winter festivities. As a revival of the English tradition of workers carrying a plough from house to house, asking for food, drink, or money, the troupe sang and danced at Terhune, at Trinity Church, and on Nassau Street, in exchange for cider and cookies. Shown are, clockwise from left, Eileen Hayes, Peggy Leiby, Sue Dupre, and Martin Barbour, dancing around the "Molly," portrayed by Bob Dupre of Lawrence. (Photo by Rebecca Blackwell)

Library to Present Family Game Night

As part of its "Unquiet Fridays" series, the Princeton Public Library will host a Family Game Night on Friday, January 24 from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

The game night is intended for everyone in the community, and everyone is urged to bring their favorite games to share. Among the many games will be chess, checkers, card games, musical chairs, Boggle, charades, Simon Says, Trivial Pursuit, Scattergories, and Scrabble.

Under its "Unquiet Fridays" series, the library stays open late on fourth Friday of each month for a series of cultural and personal enrichment events.

Throughout the evening, teams will be set up for team games such as charades, musical chairs, or Simon Says, but the evening will remain noncompetitive. "It is just for the experience of playing together," said Ms. Roth.

"You don't have to be a chess expert to play a game," said Ms. Conlon. "We can teach you how to play it. The level of play is 'fun.' Everyone can learn how to play something new."

Registration for the event is not required. Refreshments will be served.

Family Game Night is one of the many library programs made possible through funds donated by the Friends of the Princeton Public Library. All library programs are detailed in "@ your library," the newsletter and program guide available throughout the library.

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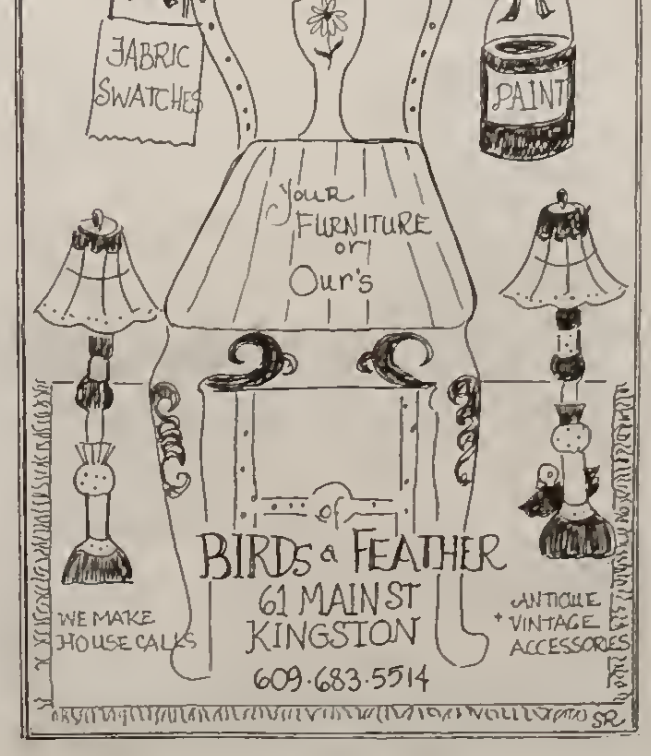
Financial Aid Hotline Open January 26-31

Prospective college students and their families can get answers to their financial aid questions via the annual New Jersey Financial Aid Awareness Hotline, which will be in operation January 26-31.

Professionals from the New Jersey Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators will take calls from 4 to 7 p.m. Sunday, January 26, and from 6 to 9 p.m. Monday, January 27 through Friday, January 31. The toll-free number is (866) 509-8860.



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Sharing His Love of Music Is the Life Work of Jack Ellis

Jack Ellis was not always a fan of opera. A talented young pianist and musicologist, he was not keen on the operatic art form. It was his wife Hanni, who opened his eyes — and ears — to the wonder and beauty of this enduring musical treasure.

"Hanni really introduced me to opera," recalls Mr. Ellis. "I had only seen one in my life. When I was 17, I went to "Carmen", and it was a poor production and major disappointment. But, with Hanni, I went to City Opera in New York, and we saw everything. I loved it!"

He still does, and in his role as Founding Chairman of Opera Festival of New Jersey, he has helped stimulate the interest of audiences in opera, and expand their numbers. He looks forward to Opera Festival's 20th season this June, when it will offer new productions of "L'Italiana in Algeri," "Eugene Onegin," and "Wozzeck."

Music has certainly been a motivating force in his life. Born in North Carolina, John Alston Ellis, Jr. was the son of John Alston, Sr. and Mary Becker Ellis. The second of four children, he grew up in Sherman, Texas, a small town north of Dallas.

"The story is that when I was three, my grandmother Becker was sitting at the piano, and put me on her lap. She played notes, and I played them back," remembers Mr. Ellis, who has always been called Jack.

He started formal piano lessons at five, continued instruction through high school, and then studied music at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Boyhood Pleasures

Although music was his primary interest, there were other boyhood pleasures. Jack especially enjoyed tennis, photography, wood-working, and architecture.

"I was very interested in architecture," he reports. "An architect in my home town let me hang out in his office, and I constructed things out of boxes. Also, I had lots of books on architecture, including one on skyscrapers my parents gave me when I was very young. I memorized the whole island of Manhattan, so I'd know where everything was when my family and I visited there.

"When I was 12, my father, who was a minister, wanted to reconfigure one floor of the church. He asked me to submit a plan, and the church accepted it!"

But music was the true love of the fledgling architect, and especially fond of the music of Liszt and Chopin, he practiced diligently.

World War II interrupted his sophomore year at college, when he entered the Navy's V-12 program, later serving in the Pacific as an ensign. Music was ever-present even during the war, he recalls, and in that era of the Big Bands, his fellow servicemen enjoyed his playing the popular music of the time.

"I played by ear," he says cheerfully, "and it was a very good distraction from Mozart and Beethoven. I kept my interest in music throughout the war.

Juilliard School

"Once, we were at the Brooklyn Navy Yard, and there was a piano on the dock. After three days, it was still unclaimed, and the seamen asked if we could take it on our ship, a troop transport. We did, and I had it put in the seamens' dining room. But as the months wore on, it wasn't played much, so I asked if I could move it to the officers' wardroom. We had to dismantle it, move it, and put it back together. But then I played it all the time."

After the war, he returned to college, majoring in music and English literature. "I decided to study music seriously then," he explains, "and in 1948 entered the Juilliard School in New York. I already had a B.A., but now I got a B.S. in piano at Juilliard."

He also returned to the University of North Carolina during the summer, where he completed a masters degree in musicology, and also taught piano.

While he was at Juilliard, he met his wife-to-be, Hanni-Lore Levi, and the memory of that occasion makes him smile.

"I went to everything in New York — theater, concerts, etc.,— and one night, I was in the balcony of Town Hall, and a charming young lady was sitting next to me. Also next to her was a group of my Juilliard classmates, who it turned out, had gone to the University of Louisville with her.

MUSIC MAN: "One of the biggest pleasures for me has been working with such extraordinary artists in the Opera Festival. The same was true in teaching. My job was developing these talented young musicians. It is so wonderful to know them and be a part of it." Jack Ellis, Chairman Emeritus of Opera Festival of New Jersey, is never far from his piano, on which he still practices every day.

Bach Concert

"They introduced me, and at that time, I was very focused on the piano — it was really tunnel vision. I asked her what she did, and she said she was a bio-chemist. I replied, 'What's a bio-chemist doing at a Bach concert?' She turned her back on me!"

Mr. Ellis regretted that remark, and made an effort to join the group after the concert. "They were all going to Schrafft's, and I tagged along. Later, I said to her, 'Can I call you some time?' She replied, 'I don't know if you can, but you may!'"

That subtle but pointed correction of grammar was especially interesting because Hanni had been born and reared in Germany, not arriving in the U.S. until 1940, when she was 14.

"Her family left because of the Nazis," recalls Mr. Ellis. "They settled in Louisville, Kentucky, and she graduated from the University of Louisville in chemistry. She had two aunts who lived on the upper west side in New York, and they were often invited to tea by Henry Kissinger's parents, also immigrants from Germany. The aunts were enormously proud of their niece, who spoke English with no trace of an accent. They'd say to the Kissingers, 'And what about your Henry? He's getting worse all the time!'"

His grammar notwithstanding, Mr. Ellis persevered, and married Hanni in 1954. They then moved to Princeton.

"I was teaching at Juilliard and also at The Westtown School in Westchester, Pa., and Hanni was working at E. R. Squibb in New Brunswick. We said, where can we live and have a good commute? We had never been to Princeton, but a former beau of Hanni was a Princeton graduate, and suggested we look. We liked it, and when she told her boss we were going to live in Princeton, he said, 'Who invited you?'

"That was the attitude about Princeton in those days. You lived there (1) if you were Princeton University faculty, (2) if you were a Princeton graduate, or (3) if you had a lot of money."

Arriving in town, the Ellises first rented a house on Jefferson Road, later moving to a farm house, and then 40 years ago this month, relocating to their current home.

Private Students

In addition to his work at Juilliard and Westtown, Mr. Ellis had private piano students in Princeton. "I had a studio on the second floor above the Army & Navy store, and taught there from 3 to 7 p.m.," he recalls.

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Jack Ellis

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In 1960, he joined the adjunct faculty of The Lawrenceville School, becoming Chairman of the Music Department in 1967, a post he held until he retired in 1990. Last year, in a special ceremony, he received the Masters Award for Distinguished Teaching at The Lawrenceville School.

While at Lawrenceville, Mr. Ellis became involved with the Greater Princeton Youth Orchestra. "It was all by chance," he explains. "I had five or six first-rate musicians, and I wanted them to have an opportunity to flourish."

Founded in 1961, originally as a feeder orchestra for the Greater Trenton Symphony Orchestra and known as the Mercer County Symphonic Orchestra, it was later re-established as the Greater Princeton Youth Orchestra, and moved to rehearsal headquarters at The Lawrenceville School.

"It really relocated to Lawrenceville because of that magical man, Jack Ellis," says Princeton resident and orchestra board member, Evelyn Krosnick. "It grew up under his professional guidance and expertise, and became one of the finest youth orchestras in the state. His devotion to the development of the orchestra was truly outstanding. We are very proud of Jack and grateful for what he does. He's a very special, remarkable, and talented individual, who is so giving to the community. Jack is always there when the community needs him."

Opera Festival

Expanding his musical endeavors even further, Mr. Ellis twice served as Chairman of the Princeton University Concerts Committee. And it was also while at Lawrenceville that he became a guiding force in the establishment of Opera Festival of New Jersey. His love of opera having been stimulated by his wife, he enjoyed attending operas at Richardson Auditorium (then Alexander Hall) on the Princeton University campus.

"Composer Peter Westergaard, who was at Princeton, was putting on the operas with Michael Pratt, who was also on the faculty and conductor of the Princeton Orchestra," recalls Mr. Ellis. "Peter and Michael are really the founders of Opera Festival. It grew out of their operas at the University.

"I had been in touch with them," he continues. "I'd invite Peter to be a judge at competitions for soloists for the Youth Orchestra, and one time Michael came to borrow three chimes from the Kirby Arts Center at Lawrenceville. He looked around and said, 'What a terrific space! What happens with it?'

"'Not much,' I answered, and he was enthusiastic, saying, 'I'll check with Peter. I think we could put on opera here.'"

Since the auditorium was available in the summer, it lent itself nicely to a summer opera festival, points out Mr. Ellis.

"In 1980, Peter and Michael brought a proposal to the headmaster, but there was no money, and nothing happened. They were persistent, though, and the next year, they registered June Opera Festival of New Jersey as a non-profit, established a board of six people, and I was one.

Growing Interest

"They then decided to put on one opera and some concerts. During that time, Michael was befriended by Herbert S. Ruben of Merrill Lynch. Mr. Ruben got financial support from Merrill Lynch, and the first opera, "The Marriage of Figaro," translated into English by Peter, was performed in June 1984. Peter directed, and Michael conducted."

The opera was very well-received, and as Mr. Ellis notes, there had been a growing interest in regional opera after World War II. "There was really a burgeoning of regional opera, and it had taken hold in this country. In fact, opera is the only art form that is expanding its audiences.

"This is partly because of television and supertitles, but it's also a lot of spectacle, and this appeals to the generation that grew up on MTV and is so visually-oriented."

Beyond that, he adds, opera continues to resonate because "the great operas tell stories that are as enduring as any classics of literature or Greek plays. And because of the combination of music and the dramatic aspect, opera touches people in so many ways — visually, hearing, and the heart."

Looking back at Opera Festival's beginnings, Mr. Ellis says that "our original mission was to have a first class operation in every aspect — backstage and the performers. I had the opportunity to help determine its course, and I felt it had better be damn good!"

He has not been disappointed. "There has been consistent quality all the way through," he says with pride.

As the years passed, June Opera Festival increased its number of productions, began performing in the original languages (with the introduction of supertitles), changed its name to Opera Festival of New Jersey, and relocated to McCarter Theatre.

Its repertoire has included traditional favorites as well as contemporary works. "I have been enormously impressed with the 20th century operas," says Mr. Ellis. "We have done a 20th century opera each year since 1993, and every one has been outstanding."

Widespread Acclaim

He adds that opera festival audiences continue to grow, with 40% from Princeton and the area, and 60% from beyond, including northern New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania.

"We have really had widespread acclaim. We have a highly respected reputation in the world of opera and among other companies. And I am also so pleased that the elitism of opera is fading. That was one of the points in our mission statement. We were dedicated to expanding opera audiences."

And indeed they have. More than 10,000 people see Opera Festival's performances in a typical year. Now, on the verge of a 20th season, the board of trustees will pay tribute to Mr. Ellis for a job well-done. He, Peter Westergaard, Michael Pratt, and the founding sponsor, Merrill Lynch & Co. will be honored at a benefit celebration at the Hyatt Regency February 8 for their contributions to the establishment and success of Opera Festival.

"We wish there were many, many more Jack Ellises. The more the merrier!" says current board chair, Marion O' Connor. "Jack is important to music anywhere, but particularly in Princeton, because he and his wife Hanni believed so much in the value and importance of music to the community."

Mr. Ellis' unique career is also praised by his long-time friend and neighbor, Carl Schorske, retired Princeton University professor of European history.

"I believe Jack's career has been marvelous in the way it has combined music and citizenship. His has been an ever-widening circle — from the studio to the school to the stage.

"He starts as a private piano teacher, moves on to create a highly original music program at Lawrenceville, and then develops town-gown relations both through the Princeton University Concerts Committee and then by launching the Opera Festival in Lawrenceville with the participation of Princeton University music faculty.

"Ultimately, he helps bring the opera to Princeton, raising its professional level. Behind all of this is the constant double devotion: to music as an art and to the enrichment of the life of the citizen. He brings music to the public and the public to music. Fundamental to it is enormous dedication — his energy, his time, and his organizational skills."

Composer Paul Hofreiter agrees. Former Chair of the Music Department at Lawrenceville and Director of the Lawrenceville Orchestra, Mr. Hofreiter worked with Mr. Ellis at Lawrenceville, and then was associated with him indirectly when the Greater Princeton Youth Orchestra performed Mr. Hofreiter's composition, "Patriot Dream" in commemoration of September 11.

"The guy is an unbelievably humble human being! I was interviewed in May 1986 to go to Lawrenceville, and Jack gave me and my wife tickets for the Opera Festival. In the program notes, I saw that he was chairman of the board, and he hadn't even mentioned it.

Master Teacher

"He was also one of the chairs at Lawrenceville, who empowered teachers to teach. He never interfered. And after every single concert we did, he came to congratulate the students and me, and then he helped put away the chairs and the music stands! He was a master teacher and a wonderful musician."

In fact, Mr. Ellis still practices the piano every day, gives a recital once a year, and teaches one morning a week. He has also taught at the Princeton Adult School, and is a member of the Nassau Club and the Princeton Music Club.

He continues to live in the house he shared with his wife, Hanni, who, because of Alzheimer's Disease, is now in a nearby assisted care facility. Mr. Ellis is with her often, and she is in his thoughts always.

"Hanni and I didn't get to travel a great deal," he says, "because we both always worked. But we did go to Europe in connection with her business, Ellis Pharmaceuticals Consulting, which was here in Princeton. Of course, we always went to the opera! We also have a home in Vermont, where we went summers. Our daughter, Alison, is married and lives in Massachusetts.

"I enjoy being in Princeton," he adds. "We are so fortunate here. In Princeton, you could make a choice for something every night — at the University, the Institute, Westminster. There's always something going on. It's wonderful.

"Also, it has been such a joy to work with all these people in music. When Hanni was here we'd have singers and stage designers stay at the house with us. I still do this, and it's a continuing pleasure."

Mr. Ellis remains on the board of Opera Festival and is encouraged about its future, even in a difficult economy. "I'm very proud of Opera Festival. I think we will have a continuing impact. We have a board with very imaginative people, who have come up with a strategic plan. We will have a Young Artists Program in the fall of 2004, and I am so impressed with David Agler, our artistic director. He is an extremely talented person.

"Now, we just have to tighten our belts and get the community to support us even more. Opera Festival is an important part of the cultural life of the community and beyond. I look forward to its having an even greater impact in the years ahead.

"I am an optimistic person by nature," he continues. "I have all these interests, and I can still practice and play. I am a very lucky man."

—Jean Stratton

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Wednesday, January 22

4:30 p.m.: Lecture, "Three Easy Pieces: Examples of Chaos in the Solar System," Prof. Peter Goldreich; Wolfensohn Hall, Institute for Advanced Study.

7:30 p.m.: Township Zoning Board of Adjustment; Township Municipal Building

Thursday, January 23

7:30 p.m.: Regional Planning Board; Township Municipal Building

7:30 p.m.: An Evening With Four Authors Who Received 2002 National Book Awards; Nassau Presbyterian Church

8 p.m.: Borough Zoning Board of Adjustment; Borough Hall

Friday, January 24

8 p.m.: Robert Taub and Friends; Kirby Arts Center, Lawrenceville School.

Saturday, January 25

11 a.m.: Talk for Children, "Animals in the Chinese New Year," Nancy Greenspan, docent; Princeton University Art Museum.

8 p.m.: Urban Tap, featuring Tamango; McCarter Theatre.

8 p.m.: Westminster Community Orchestra; Richardson Auditorium.

8 p.m..: American Roots Festival; Patriots Theater at the War Memorial, Trenton.

Sunday, January 26

12:30 p.m.: Benefit oyster-eating contest; Blue Point Grill, 258 Nassau Street

3 p.m.: Tomas Megioranza, baritone; Taplin Auditorium, Fine Hall.

3 p.m.: Three Mo' Tenors; McCarter Theatre.

3 p.m.: Princeton Girlchoir; Richardson Auditorium.

Monday, January 27
Recycling Pickup

7 p.m.: Township Committee; Municipal Complex

8 p.m.: Bach Piano Concerto Festival; McCarter Theatre

Tuesday, January 28

7 p.m.: Reading and Signing, Joao Magueijo, *Foster Thon the Speed of Light*; Princeton University Store.

7:30 p.m.: Borough Council; Borough Hall.

8 p.m.: Mummenschanz; McCarter Theatre

Thursday, January 30

7:30 p.m.: Joint Recreation Board; 380 Witherspoon Street

8 p.m.: Momix; McCarter Theatre.

Friday, January 31

8 p.m.: The Chucho Valdes Band; McCarter Theatre

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10:30 a.m. Let's Talk, Redding Circle
3:00 p.m. Let's Talk Too, Spruce Circle

Thursday, January 23:
10:00 a.m. Yoga, Princeton Community Village

Monday, January 27:
11:15 a.m. Chair Exercise, Spruce Circle.

Tuesday, January 28:
10:00 a.m. Tai Chi, Acorn Glen.
12:30 a.m. Social Bridge, Borough Hall Lunch room.
1:00 p.m. American Literature with George Ingenbrandt, Spruce Circle.

Wednesday, January 29:
10:30 a.m. Let's Talk, Redding Circle
3:00 p.m. Let's Talk Too; Spruce Circle

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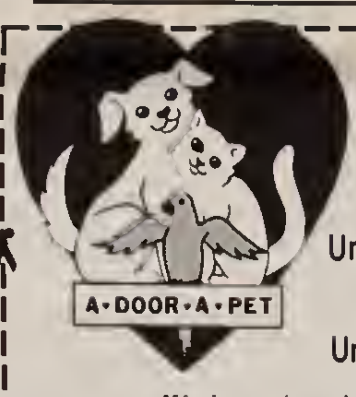

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Brandenberg Ensemble In Concert at McCarter

The Brandenberg Ensemble, with pianist Peter Serkin, will perform a program of J.S. Bach's original compositions and transcriptions of concertos at McCarter Theatre Monday, January 27, at 8 p.m. The Ensemble will be under the direction of Jaime Laredo.

Mr. Serkin has been called "one of the supreme musicians of our time" by New York Magazine. He is the third in a family of influential musicians, following his grandfather, violinist and composer Adolf Busch, and his father, pianist Rudolf Serkin.

At age 11, Peter Serkin entered the Curtis Institute of Music and made his Marlboro Music Festival and New York City debuts a year later. This season, he will play recitals in the United States and Europe, including performances in Prague, London, Vienna and Carnegie Hall. His most recent recordings include the 2000 release of three Beethoven sonatas and his Grammy-nominated rendition of the six Mozart concerti, which won the Deutsche Schallplatten Prize.

The Brandenburg Ensemble was founded in 1973 to bring together concert artists and chamber musicians. The ensemble plays for only a few audiences each season and has appeared in Lincoln Center, Carnegie Hall, Boston's Symphony Hall and Chicago's Orchestra Hall.

Jaime Laredo has been performing for more than 40 years as soloist, conductor, recitalist and chamber musician. He will lead the Brandenburg Ensemble with Mr. Serkin for the 2003-2004 season. He is also the music director for the Vermont Symphony Orchestra.

Tickets are $35 and can be ordered by calling (609) 258-2787 or by visiting www.mccarter.org.

Recital Planned By Nancy Froysland Hoerl

Soprano Nancy Froysland Hoerl will perform a recital Sunday, January 26 at 4 p.m. in Bristol Chapel on the campus of Westminster Choir College.

Entitled *Britten to Britten: Nancy Froysland Hoerl and Friends*, the program will include folksongs arranged by Benjamin Britten, John Corigliano and Rebecca Clarke. It will also include Richard Strauss' *Ophelia Lieder*, Hugo Wolf's *Keller Lieder* and Britten's *Cabaret Songs*. She will be joined by Barbara Govatos, violin; Jill Crawford, flute; James Day, guitar; and J. J. Penna, piano.

A member of the faculty at both Westminster Choir College and its community music school, Westminster Conservatory, Ms. Hoerl has performed in Europe, the United States and the United Kingdom. She created the lead role of Gabi in *Der Krach im Ofen*, which premiered at Austria's Theater an der Wien.

Active as a chamber musician, she was a founding member of the award-winning Grand Chamber Players in Wilmington, Del. A champion of American music, she has performed in genres ranging from backup vocals for jazz trumpeter Art Farmer to premiering works by contemporary American composers, such as The Three Fragments written for her by Laurie Altman.

Nancy Froysland Hoerl

Violinist Barbara Govatos has collaborated as soloist and chamber musician with such artists as Riccardo Muti, Radu Lupu, and Wolfgang Sawallisch. She has performed at the Marlboro, Salzburg, Saratoga, and Marblehead Music Festivals and has given concerts and master classes at UCLA, Mount Holyoke College, and the University of Delaware.

Jill Crawford is active as a performer on both modern and Baroque flutes. She works with the chamber ensemble Trillium and has performed with area orchestras, including St. Peter-by-the-Sea, the Greater Trenton Symphony, the New Brunswick Chamber Orchestra, and Concerts by the Bay.

James Day is an active performer internationally with appearances in England, Italy and across North America. His concerts have been broadcast on public television and radio, and he has received numerous awards, including a top prize in the 1995 Rantucci International Guitar Competition.

Pianist J. J. Penna maintains an active schedule as collaborative pianist to singers and instrumentalists in this country and abroad. Past and current seasons include concert appearances with such noted singers as Kathleen Battle, Harolyn Blackwell, David Daniels, Kevin McMillan, Florence Quivar, Sharon Sweet, Christopher Trakas and Ying Huang.

Tickets for this recital are $7 for adults and $5 for students and seniors and may be purchased by calling the Westminster box office weekdays between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at (609) 921-2663 or at the door.

Unitarian Church to Hear Women Composers' Work

The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Princeton will salute the music of women composers at its 9:1S a.m. and 11:1S a.m. services on Sunday, January 26.

The programs, "Honoring Women Composers: Classical and Unitarian Universalist," will be presented by pianist and lecturer Elaine Vander Plate Held. The services will examine the lives and music of some women composers and the results of research in this field.

Ms. Held received a bachelor of music in piano and a master's of church music in choral conducting and organ from Westminster Choir College. She has performed in concert as a solo and ensemble pianist and organist. In 1999 she presented an organ recital in Dokkum, The Netherlands, on a 500-year-old organ, where she was the only American performer in the 12-concert series.

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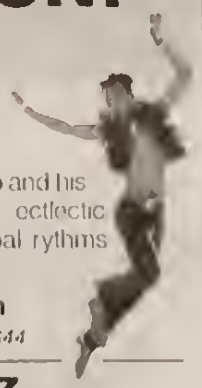

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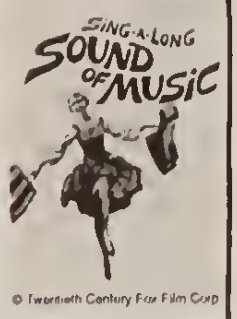

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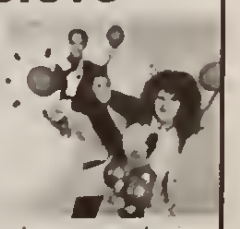

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Westminster Community Orchestra
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Works by Bartok, Copland, and Rimsky-Korsakov
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Sunday, January 26, 2003
3 pm
Princeton Girl Choir
The 14th Annual Winter Concert
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Work by Copland Will Be Featured In Concert Here

The Westminster Community Orchestra, conducted by Sarah Hatsuko Hicks, will perform a concert Saturday, January 25 at 8 p.m. in Richardson Auditorium at Princeton University. The program, entitled "Musical Multimedia: Dance, Text and Fairytales," will feature Copland's *Lincoln Portrait*, Bartôk's *Dance Suite for Orchestra* and Rimsky-Korsakov's *Scheherozode*.

Elem Eley will narrate Copland's *Lincoln Portrait*. During World War II, Andre Kostelanetz commissioned Aaron Copland to compose a musical portrait of an American who expressed "the magnificent spirit of our country." Copland immediately chose Abraham Lincoln and decided to include Lincoln's own words spoken by a narrator: "With the voice of Lincoln to help me, I was ready to risk the impossible," the composer wrote about his *Lincoln Portrait*.

Béla Bartôk composed his Dance Suite to mark the 50th anniversary of the unification of Buda and Pest. It has been called the first major popular work of Bartôk's maturity. In his program notes for the premiere, Bartôk wrote that, although the melodies are similar to folk music, all are original. In a 1931 lecture on the work, the composer said that the aim of the whole work was to create a kind of idealized peasant music and that Hungarian, Rumanian, Slovak, and Arabic music served as his models.

The tone poem *Scheherazade* is based on *The Thousand and One Nights*, a collection of tales told by the Princess Scheherazade to the Sultan to avoid her execution.

Sarah Hatsuko Hicks, now in her second season as music director of the Westminster Community Orchestra, is also resident conductor of the Florida Philharmonic Orchestra, with which she will present over 20 performances in the 2002-2003 season. As staff conductor of the Symphony Orchestra of the Curtis Institute of Music, she regularly leads the ensemble in readings and performances of contemporary works, including Philadelphia premieres of works by Ned Rorem and Richard Danielpour. Ms. Hicks has guest conducted extensively both in the States and abroad.

As winner of the Joy in Singing Award, Elem Eley presented his New York recital debut in 1996 at Merkin Hall. He made his Carnegie Hall debut in 1995 as soloist with the Orchestra of St. Luke's and the Westminster Choir under Joseph Flummerfelt. Recent engagements include concerts with the symphony orchestras of New Jersey, Kansas City, Sioux City, Springfield and Syracuse; the Calvin Oratorio Society in Grand Rapids; the Fairfield County Chorale;and The Little Orchestra Society at Lincoln Center in Vivaldi's L'Olimpiade.

He has been soloist at the Brattleboro, Breckenridge, Westminster Choir College Summer Choral and Wilmington Music Festivals. He is professor of voice at Westminster Choir College.

Now in its 18th season, the Westminster Community Orchestra is composed of adult amateurs from 21 towns in Central New Jersey. It is based at the Westminster Conservatory, the community music school of Westminster Choir College of Rider University. All performances are held in Richardson Auditorium on the Princeton University campus.

Tickets are $10 for adults and $6 for students and senior citizens. They may be reserved by calling the Westminster box office at (609) 921-2663 or the Richardson Auditorium box office at (609) 258-5000.

For information about auditioning for the orchestra, call the Conservatory at (609) 921-7104.

Competition Winner Schedules Recital In Taplin Auditorium

On Sunday afternoon, January 26, at 3 p.m. in Taplin Auditorium in Fine Hall, The Friends of Music at Princeton will present baritone Thomas Meglioranza in a recital of works by Robert Schumann, Claude Debussy, Ned Rorem, and Marc Blitzstein; HsiLing Chang will accompany at the piano. Mr. Meglioranza is winner of the 2002 Joy in Singing and Concert Artists Guild International Competitions.

A graduate of Grinnell College and the Eastman School of Music, Thomas Meglioranza has appeared at the Tanglewood, Aspen, Ravinia, Bowdoin, and Pacific Music Festivals. He has made numerous appearances with orchestras in the United States, Europe, and Asia, including engagements with the Rochester Philharmonic, the Prague Radio Symphony, and the Thai Royal Navy Orchestra.

In opera, he has appeared as Don Giovanni under the baton of Julius Rudel with the Aspen Opera Theater; in the Chicago Opera Theatre's production of Monteverdi's *L'Orfeo* at the Brooklyn Academy of Music, and as Apollo in Handel's *Apollo e Dafne* with the American Bach Soloists.

Upcoming engagements include recitals at New York City's Weill Recital and Merkin Concert Halls, performances of *Handel's Messioh* with Richard Egarr and the Portland Baroque Orchestra, Beethoven's *Christus am Ölberge* with Nicholas McGegan and the Philharmonia Baroque, and at New York's Cooper Union in a performance of Milton Babbitt's *Two Sonnets*.

Pianist Hsi-Ling Chang grew up in Taiwan and Spokane, Washington. She received her master's degree in piano performance from the University of Houston, where she studied with Abbey Simopn. She has appeared at the Texas Music Festival, was the accompanist for the Houston Ballet, and also a part of the vocal studio of Elena Nikolaidi.

For his January 26 recital, Mr. Meglioranza will open the program with the *Liederkreis*, Opus 39, of Robert Schumann. Following intermission, he will perform the *Fêtes galantes, series II*, of Claude Debussy to poems of Paul Verlaine; *War Scenes* of Ned Rorem to poems of Walt Whitman; and conclude with two works by Marc Blitzstein.

As with all programs sponsored by The Friends of Music Princeton, the recital is open to the public without admission charge.

Correction

On Sunday, January 26, the Princeton Girlchoir will perform its annual winter concert at 3 p.m. at Princeton University's Richardson Auditorium.

In its Spring Sing performance — scheduled for 8 p.m. on Friday, April 4 at Nassau Presbyterian Church — the Girlchoir will appear along with the Whiffenpoofs of Yale University and the Nassoons from Princeton University.

On Saturday, May 17, the Girlchoir will hold its annual spring concert at Richardson Auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

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The Princeton Girlchoir Sets Winter Concert

The Princeton Girlchoir will present its 14th annual winter concert on Sunday, January 26, at 3 p.m. at Richardson Auditorium on the Princeton University campus.

The concert will open with Benjamin Britten's Hodie from *A Ceremony of Carols* and will conclude with Britten's *A New Year Carol*, which is the choir's signature closing piece for every winter concert. Artistic director Janet A. Westrick will invite all Girlchoir alumnae to join their sister choristers on stage in singing this traditional finale.

The concert will also include classical choral works by Barber, lighthearted folksongs, popular pieces by Andrew Lloyd Webber and Jerome Kern, and inspirational music such as *Give Us Hope* by Jim Papoulis.

Guest conductor Mary K. Szeles, director of choral music at Rutgers Preparatory School in Somerset, will direct *Here's to Song* by Canadian composer Allistar McGillivray.

Three guest artists will accompany the Girlchoir: Melissa Bohl on oboe and English horn, alumna Cecily Moyer on flute, and Rob Ridgell on piano and organ.

Tickets are $15 for adults and $10 for students and children. All seats are reserved. For reservations and directions, call (609) 258-5000.

The Princeton Girlchoir is a community-based all-female choir for grades three through nine. Choristers re-audition each year, and come from more than 25 towns.

"A Little Night Music" To Benefit Symphony

"A Little Night Music," Princeton Symphony Orchestra's annual gala benefit, will be held on January 25 at the Cottage Club on Prospect Avenue. Following private dinner parties, participants will convene at the club for champagne and desserts, dancing to the music of Zydeco-A-Go-Go, and a live auction of vacation venues, cried by auctioneer Harrie F. Copeland, III.

Tickets for the event are sold out, but telephone bids will be accepted at the PSO office until 12 noon on Friday, January 24. For complete descriptions, opening bid levels, and to place a bid, call (609) 497-0020.

Vacation venues to be auctioned include a 300-year old Tuscan farmhouse; Castle Douglas, Scotland; a Vermont home overlooking a glacier lake; a week at Martha's Vineyard; and a weekend at Cape May, among others. All proceeds from the winning bids will benefit the PSO.

The Princeton Symphony Orchestra is Princeton's only resident professional orchestra and performs its subscription series in Richardson Auditorium on the Princeton University campus. Led by Music Director Mark Laycock since 1986, it has grown from a small community chamber group to a symphony orchestra employing over 55 professional musicians.

GIRLCHOIR VISITS "TODAY": The Princeton Girlchoir singers performed live on NBC's "Today" Show, December 14. Shown, from left, are singers Jennifer Chin of West Windsor, Jessica Naimark of Plainsboro, Sarah Krauss of Hopewell, and Meredith Murphy of Princeton, at the entrance to the NBC Studio in Rockefeller Plaza in New York City. The Girlchoir's next performance will be January 26 at Richardson Auditorium.

PSO BENEFIT PLANNERS: Co-chairs of the Princeton Symphony Orchestra's annual gala benefit are, from left, Kathleen Tovar, Linda Gecha, and Betsy Hely. The gala is sold out.

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Illusion and Acrobatics Promised at McCarter

Momix, a dance troupe tha combines artistry, illusion anc acrobatics, will perform its newest show, *Opus Cactus*, at McCarter Theatre on Thursday, January 30, at 8 p.m.

Choreographed by Momix founder Moses Pendleton, *Opus Cactus* is two acts of desert flora, fauna and fantasies. Its theatrical magic consists of props, light, shadow, humor, sleek costumes and a combination of dance and gymnastics.

Inspired by the giant saguaro cactus of the southwest, Mr. Pendleton choreographed *Opus Cactus* while working for Ballet Arizona in Phoenix.

For more than 20 years, Momix has been noted for its otherworldly imagery, playful humor and imaginative use of the human body.

Born and raised on a dairy farm in Vermont, Mr. Pendleton was cofounder of Pilobolus Dance Theatre in 1971. He began to work outside Pilobolus in 1980 when he choreographed the closing ceremonies for the Winter Olympics at Lake Placid. He performed his solo Momix at the games, which became the name of the company he founded in 1981.

Tickets are $29 and $32.

Mummenschanz Troupe To Perform at McCarter

Mummenschanz, an entertainment for the entire family, will return to McCarter Theatre for two performances on Tuesday, January 28, and Wednesday, January 29, at 7:30 p.m. The troupe will offer an all-new show in celebration of its 30th anniversary.

The troupe uses surreal masks and absurd physical formations to reveal universal truths through simple interactions and transformations. Their performance style embraces mime, puppetry and masks as well as dance, theater, and visual art elements.

With a sense of fun and imagination, Mummenschanz transcends the barrier of language and remains universal in its appeal. The Los Angeles Times has said the performers "have never been matched and should never be missed."

Tickets are $27 and $30. To order, call (609) 258-2787 or visit www.mccarter.org.

Flaming Idiots Troupe To Juggle at McCarter

The Flaming Idiots, a variety troupe that juggles swords, fire, and even themselves, will bring their show to McCarter Theatre on Saturday, February 1 at 2 p.m.

Pushing the limits of possibility, probability and acceptability, The Flaming Idiots offer a show crammed with contortions, humor, juggling, and, of course, things only idiots would do. Mixing the timeless art of dexterity with fresh comedy makes The Flaming Idiots a theatrical experience like none other.

The New York Times calls the show "Good natured, high-spirited, silly fun, a theatrical experience bubbling with footloose, fanciful, free-spirited humor."

Tickets are $15 and $20.

MOMIX AT McCARTER: The dance troupe Momix will perform its newest show, *Opus Cactus*, at McCarter Theatre on Thursday, January 30, at 8 p.m. The show combines artistry, illusion and acrobatics.

MUMMENSCHANZ RETURNS: The inventive Swiss mime and mask troupe will mark its 30th anniversary with return performances at McCarter Theatre on Tuesday, January 28, and Wednesday, January 29.

COMEDY JUGGLERS: The variety troupe The Flaming Idiots will juggle swords, fire, even themselves, when they appear at McCarter Theatre February 1.

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Feb. 26: IN THE MOOD FOR LOVE / Hong Kong 2001 / This study of marriage and the corrosive effects of grief and erotic loss makes foreplay look like a lost art / Two next-door neighbors realize their travelling spouses are off having an affair with each other / What to do?

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March 12: REQUIEM FOR A DREAM / USA 2000 / A film that proved too tough for most audiences to take presents addiction as the defining factor of the human condition / Its conclusion? Addiction to hope is the most insidious drug of all / with Ellen Burstyn in the performance of her life (Best Actress Oscar nomination)/ Princeton Premiere

March 19: LATE MARRIAGE / Israel-France 2001 / What happens when a 30ish bachelor is forced to choose between his own heart and the dominating will of his family to have him properly married? / This intimate, funny, erotic black comedy has it all over *My Big Fat Greek Wedding* and then some

March 26: L.I.E. / USA 2001 / Risks abound in this tale of a Long Island teenage boy of ambivalent sexuality, and a predatory ex Marine "chicken hawk" pedophile who offers him an ambiguous emotional haven / Provocative and unnerving, with a brilliant performance by Brian Cox / Move over, Todd Solontz / Princeton Premiere

April 2: LANTANA / Australia 2001 / A troubled cop investigates a woman's mysterious disappearance and becomes entangled in a mystery that spins a web around a dozen characters struggling with loss, betrayal, and loneliness / Winner of the Australian Oscar, with Anthony LaPaglia, Geoffrey Rush and Barbara Hershey

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April 23: VA SAVOIR (Who Knows?) / France, 2001/ The great Jacques Rivette's 21st film explores the romantic escapades of a group of Parisians and the interplay of theater and film, imagination and reality / A sprightly, cerebral farce that sparkles with the spirit of youth and the wisdom of old age

April 30: SPIRITED AWAY / Japan 2002 / This animated masterpiece by Hayao Miyazaki wound up on everyone's Ten Best list, but no one saw it / In this fairy tale to end them all, a pouty little girl is shoved into a fantasy land where hunger and effort rule the day / Alice in Wonderland with sake, not tea / Princeton Premiere

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Reviewer Picks Best Ten Films of 2002

1. Bowling for Columbine

A unanimous winner of the Palme D'Or at Cannes, this damning documentary was made by Michael Moore, author of the best-selling book *Stupid White Men*, who seems to delight in annoying the Establishment. Moore, a lifetime NRA member, has never been better than he is here, implicating Charleton Heston, Walmart, K-Mart, Michigan militiamen and Lockheed-Martin as unintended co-conspirators in America's bloody, gun-inspired cultural decline.

Most touching is the scene where a couple of crippled kids visit K-Mart to return the ammo still embedded in their bullet-ridden bodies from the Columbine High tragedy. While certain to leave you choked with tears, the film has its lighter moments likely to trigger fits of belly laughter, too. For instance, Mr. Moore has fun opening an account at a bank which offers a free gun to any new customer. He also has a revealing chat with a clueless kid who sees nothing wrong with his making a five gallon bomb of napalm in his backyard. The movie borrows its ghoulish title from the last class Columbine conspirators Dylan Klebold and Eric Harris attended before embarking on their evil rampage. The insatiably curious camera even interviews the two girls with whom the killers shared a lane with that fateful morning to find out if maybe bowling might be to blame. Endlessly entertaining and informative, regardless of where you stand on the 2nd Amendment.

We're pleased to introduce Kom Williams, a long-time Princeton resident, and syndicated film critic, to our readers. Prior to his film career, Mr. Williams spent many years in the art world and practicing law. He received degrees from Cornell University, including graduate degrees from Cornell University and The Wharton School.

2. My Big Fat Greek Wedding

This low-budget gem opened inauspiciously last April, and was generally overlooked by the critics, but built an amazing audience on its own, via well-deserved word-of-mouth. Now totaling over $200 million in box-office receipts, the movie is still No. 16 on the charts. My Big Fat Greek Wedding is the brainchild of Nia Vardalos, a little known actress who wrote and starred in the one-woman play of the same name. Essentially autobiographical, the story chronicles the awkward travails of an overprotected spinster who works as a hostess in her family's restaurant.

Named Fotoula in the film, our homely, 30 year-old heroine is expected to consider only Greek men as appropriate suitors. Furthermore, college and any career aspirations are frowned upon by her very tight knit extended family. But the spunky girl asserts herself and not only matriculates but falls in love with an inappropriate suitor. As one might expect, most of the humor comes from contrasting the clannish Greek with more conventional American ways.

I laughed more watching this sweet sleeper than any other comedy last year. The good news is that the humor's clean enough and clever enough to engage kids from the age of 6 to 96. And its universal message is one that's needed in these internationally unstable times.

3. Ponic Room.

Finally David Fincher has finally measured up to all those accolades. The much ballyhooed brains behind such disturbing dramas as *Seven* (1995), *The Game* (1997) and *Fight Club* (1999) had certainly shown some promise, but his work, in my estimation, had never quite matched his rep. But with *Ponic Room*, the endlessly imaginative director has eliminated his sloppy side to craft a taut psychological thriller, featuring a flurry of stomach-churning twists on a hair-raising roller coaster ride to Hell.

The film features a most talented trio of thespians-turned-directors in two-time Oscar-winner Jodie Foster, Forest Whitaker and country crooner Dwight Yoakam. The action starts after newly-divorced Meg Altman (Foster) and her impishly rebellious daughter decide to purchase an Upper West Side brownstone. The million-dollar mansion has its own elevator, servant's quarters and six working fireplaces. Oh, and a panic room, a concrete-encased, solid steel survival sanctuary outfitted with food, water, ventilation, eight surveillance monitors and a telephone.

Intruders arrive in the middle of their maiden night, before the awakened pair are fully familiar with how the panic room functions. So, survival instincts, intestinal resolve and primal passion end up serving the spunky mother/daughter duo just as much as any state-of-the-art technology. A Hitchcock-quality, cat-and-mouse affair with a surprising conclusion which puts a perfect cherry atop its delicious, hot fudge sundae of a plot.

4. Unfaithful

An erotic thriller from Adrian Lyne, the visual stylist who first caught our eye with the captivating *Flashdance* (1983), though he's best known for *Fatal Attraction* (1987), the harrowing potboiler which netted a half-dozen Academy Award nominations. But this sex-obsessed director also has such clearly kinky features on his resume' as *Nine Weeks* (1986), *Indecent Proposal* (1993) and *Lolita* (1997). Thus, with *Unfaithful*, you have to expect Lyne's trademark cinematic sizzle. So, brace yourself for some fairly explicit action and you won't be shocked. Richard Gere and Diane Lane star as an affluent, ostensibly content, middle-aged couple with a boy and a dog and a big house in Westchester. A lust triangle evolves after the bored housewife is rescued from the world's worst wind tunnel by an accommodating, considerably younger Frenchman. Passion explodes, leading the inflamed lovers to rendezvous regularly while Lyne let's his voyeuristic camera linger long past the point of petting.

Lane digs deep to deliver her best effort to date in a demanding role, as a woman both grappling with and reveling in her self-destructive behavior. Gere, meanwhile, delivers a measured performance as a man coming apart at the seams as his sneaky suspicions begin to add up. The stagy production comes highly recommended for its finely-honed trio of lead characters, hopelessly ensnared in a multi-layered melodrama.

5. The Tronsporter

Jason Statham's isn't exactly a household name yet. But it ought to be after *The Tronsporter*. Statham appears, here, in the title role as Frank Martin, an ex-army officer turned rogue agent willing to deliver any package anywhere, no questions asked. Employing non-stop action, the film is an intense international adventure laced with frequent fisticuffs, breakneck car chases, eye-popping pyrotechnics and a girl to go ga-ga over.

The Transporter marks the first foray into the West by Corey Yuen, the talented director of many martial arts movies back in his native Hong Kong. And the film's engaging storyline was written by Luc Besson, the irreverent iconoclast who has singlehandedly revolutionized the French film industry with his brash brand of cinema.

The plot revolves around Frank's curiosity getting the better of him the day he opens the package wriggling around in his trunk. Out pops Lai (Qi Shu) a kidnapped, Chinese damsel-in-distress. You might guess that Frank thinks twice about delivering this piece of cargo. So, the unlikely duo end up on the run from unsavory characters in a high body-count escapade. Throw in some absolutely breathtaking cinematography on their nerve-wracking jaunt around Paris, Marseilles and Aix-en-Provence, and it all adds up to the most riveting action flick of the year. It's all good.

6. Undercover Brother

Taking a page out of the Austin Powers franchise, which has Mike Myers lampooning the Sixties spy genre in paisley and pastels, Malcolm Lee outfitted his own silly Superhero in the readily ridiculed styles of the Seventies. This laff-a-minute movie stars comedian Eddie Griffin in the title role as a trash-talking dude in a loose mood who roams the streets in a Cadillac convertible under a foot-high afro, wearing flashy, foot-wide shirt collars and foot-high platform shoes.

His alter ego is a super-hero who works for a sepia spy agency known as the B.R.O.T.H.E.R.H.O.O.D. This outfit is out to crush a conspiracy by "The Man" who has a powerful potion designed to reduce all African-Americans to little more than mindless zombies. This acerbic satire turns age-old stereotypes on their heads while tackling an array of ordinarily incendiary issues.

7. Road to Perdition

Based on the graphic best seller of the same name by Max Allan Collins, this Prohibition-era saga is set in Chicago in the 1930s. The historical novel tells the tale of Michael Sullivan, a feared mob executioner who has the tables turned on half his nuclear family after his curious, young son accidentally witnesses a gory, gangland-style murder. This faithful adaptation was directed by Sam Mendes who won an Academy Award in 2000 for *American Beauty*, the only other movie he's ever made.

Perennial Oscar-nominee Tom Hanks turns in another splendid job as the cold, callous killer suddenly on the run from his own merciless boss, despite years of loyal service as a reliable henchman. Paul Newman, another oft-nominated Academy Award-winner, delivers his best performance in years as John Rooney, the aging but still ruthless ruler of the Irish underworld syndicate.

The production relied on painstakingly-recreated sets, period costumes and authentic dialogue to take us back, ever so convincingly, to those bygone days of running boards, speakeasies, tommy guns and iced caskets. Yet, ultimately, it is the tawdry story of these inextricably linked pairs of fathers and sons which makes this remarkable movie so compelling. For, despite the absence of characters with a functioning conscience, there's still a powerful message about life to be gleaned from this grisly *Road to Perdition*.

8. Signs

M. Night Shyamalan surprised everyone in 1999 with *The Sixth Sense*, a clever psychological thriller about a spooked kid who sees dead people. Born in India, but as

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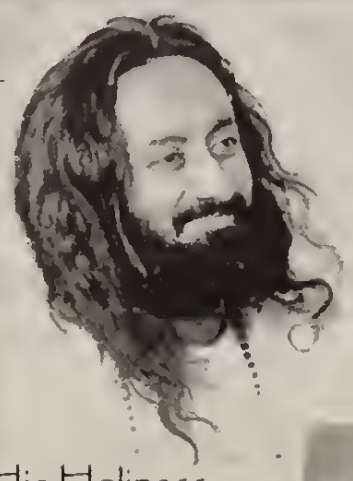

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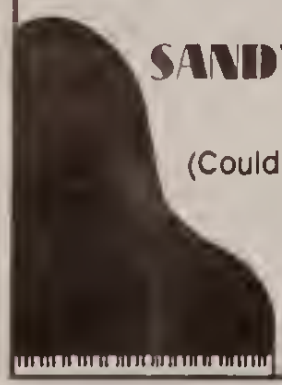

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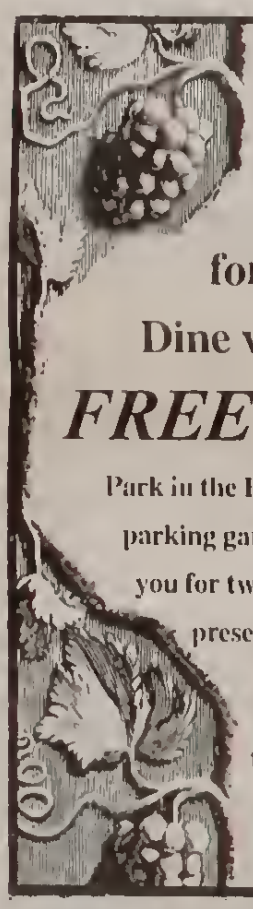

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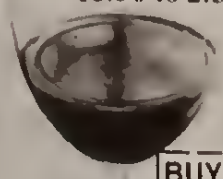

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Best Ten Films

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Philadelphian as Brotherly Love, Shyamalan is now known as much for his hauntingly stark cinematography as for his eerie, otherworldly storylines. With *Signs*, his best effort yet, the savant of suspense easily establishes himself as the heir apparent to Alfred Hitchcock's mantle as the grandmaster of mystery.

Set in a rural sector of Bucks County, Pennsylvania, the film stars two-time Oscar-winner Mel Gibson as Father Graham Hess, an Episcopal minister whose faith has been shattered by the recent death of his wife. Then, he awakens one morning to discover that intruders have harvested part of his cornfield, cutting down tall stalks in a precise pattern which, from above, resembles hieroglyphics. Expecting these 'crop circles' to be exposed as a teen prank or as an elaborate practical joke, no one is up in arms over this incident, initially.

Shyamalan is a master at intensifying an audience's anxiety level by spinning a scary yarn around an otherwise ordinary Everyman we can all identify with emotionally. And in the case of *Signs*, events unfold ever so slowly, in a way reminiscent of *The Birds*, with an impending alien invasion serving as an ominous backdrop to the intimate family drama which has Graham grappling with fundamental questions of faith.

Two hours of terror and introspection which the whole family can share.

9. Insomnia

Memento, the groundbreaking psychological thriller written and directed by Christopher Nolan, was certainly the surprise hit of 2001. Of course, everyone wondered whether the young director was just a flash in the pan or if he'd be able to maintain that same level of artistry and intensity with a big budget production and A-list egos to massage.

Well, all the speculation ends with *Insomnia*, as he has produced another bone-chiller, this one a faithful remake of the 1997 Norwegian nailbiter of the same name. The film features a superb cast topped by a trio of Oscar-winners in Al Pacino, Robin Williams and Hilary Swank.

This eerie tale is set at a remote, rugged Alaskan outpost where the fog, the mountains, the waterways and the coastline all allow for absolutely breathtaking cinematography. Emulating the original, the elements even dwarf the players to such an extent that a palpable Mother Nature plays a pivotal role at times. The story starts out as an old-fashioned crime caper, but takes some ugly and unexpected twists and turns as it works its way to resolution.

Suffice to say that Pacino, who has been nominated eight times for an Academy Award, delivers another Oscar-quality performance here as a charismatic cop, slowly worn down by 24 hours a day of sunlight and a case he can't crack. Swank is solid, too, while Williams kept that manic act under control throughout, thank God.

10. The Bourne Identity

Before he passed away in 2001, Robert Ludlum penned about two-dozen best-sellers. But he is probably best known for his trio of novels featuring super sleuth Jason Bourne, *The Bourne Identity* being the first in that franchise. This big screen version features Oscar-winner Matt Damon in the title role, and frisky Franka *Run Lolo Run* Potente as Marie, his able sidekick.

The story has somehow retained the original's Cold War sensibility while updating the technological aspects of the action adventure. Thus, although cell phones and computers have been added to the mix, the movie remains, at heart, a non-stop, seat-of-the-pants thriller. The well-concealed plot, one better left unspoiled, involves blackmail, the CIA, and a deposed African leader. Shot in exotic locations across Europe from Czechoslovakia to France to Greece, the film offers breathtaking cinematography with that expansive feel one has come to expect of this globetrotting genre.

A pumped-up and ready-to-rumble Damon is magnificent as the protagonist whose bullet-ridden body is plucked from a roiling sea by the crew of an Italian fishing boat. Though revived, acute amnesia has erased from memory not only his own identity but that of those who want him dead.

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About Schmidt (R) Another Oscar nomination is expected for Jack Nicholson's sometimes comic, sometimes poignant portrayal of a retired, suddenly widowed insurance salesman who tries to fathom the meaning of his ordinary life.
Adaptation (R) The line between fiction and reality becomes blurred in screenwriter Charlie Kaufman's story about screenwriter Charlie Kaufman (played by Nicholas Cage), who tries, with great difficulty, to adapt a non-fiction book into a movie script. Meryl Streep co-stars.
Catch Me if You Can (PG-13) The true story of a master 1960s con man and impersonator (Leonardo DiCaprio), pursued for years by a dogged FBI agent (Tom Hanks). From Steven Spielberg, and worth catching.
Chicago (PG-13) Bob Fosse's exuberant musical about jazz age entertainers stars Renee Zellweger and Catherine Zeta-Jones as the singing "merry murderesses."
Far from Heaven (PG-13) Drama set in 1950s about forbidden love–the husband's homosexuality, his wife's interracial attraction. With Dennis Quaid and Julianne Moore as the couple, Dennis Haysbert as their gardener.
Gangs of New York (R) Martin Scorsese's long-awaited film about vengeance, political corruption and religious strife in mid-19th century Manhattan stars Leonardo DiCaprio as an Irish gang leader, Liam Neeson as his father, Cameron Diaz as his girlfriend, and Daniel Day-Lewis as his villainous rival.
A Guy Thing (PG-13) A bachelor party leads to trouble for groom-to-be Jason Lee in coincidence-filled comedy.
Just Married (PG-13) Brittany Murphy and Ashton Kucher play bickering newlyweds in slapstick sitcom.
Kangaroo Jack (PG) A computer-generated kangaroo hops away with a mobster's $50,000, sending the two bungling deliverymen in hot pursuit.
Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers (PG-13) Second installment in the *Rings* trilogy offers three more hours of the effects-filled and action-packed adventures of the Hobbits, Uruks, Orcs and Ents.
Narc (R) Two abrasive undercover cops (Jason Patric and Ray Liotta) are brought together to solve the murder of a colleague, in a tense and twisting detective story.
National Security (R) Racial humor is mixed with gunplay and car crashes in action comedy starring Martin Lawrence and Steve Zahn.
Nicholas Nickleby (PG) Pared down for the screen, the lengthy Charles Dickens novel about triumph over adversity stars Charlie Hunnam as Nicholas, Christopher Plummer as his villainous Uncle Ralph, and Jim Broadbent as the sadistic Wackford Squeers.
The Pianist (R) Absorbing, true story of the struggle by concert pianist Wladyslaw Szpilman (Adrien Brody) to survive Nazi brutality in the Warsaw ghetto, told in harrowing fashion by director Roman Polanski.
Rabbit-Proof Fence (PG) True story of three Australian girls who are taken from their Aborigine mothers in a 1930s government program, then escape to make the 1,200-mile trek home on foot.
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"DIZZIEST DUO": The dance team of Chumley & Carlota will perform in the New Jersey debut of *Sing-A-Long Sound of Music*, a spoof of the movie musical, at McCarter Theatre February 1 and 2.

"Sound of Music" Spoof At McCarter in February

The *Sing-A-Long Sound of Music* will make its New Jersey debut at McCarter Theatre on Saturday, February 1, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, February 2, at 2 p.m.

The popular interactive show has audiences literally singing in their seats as they cheer the Von Trapp children, bark at Rolf, the telegram boy, hiss the baroness, and join in choruses of *Climb Ev'ry Mountain*.

Sing-A-Long Sound of Music is a screening of the classic Julie Andrews musical, complete with subtitles so the audience can sing along. Movie-goers receive an official "fun pack," filled with interactive props. The evening's hosts, "Philadelphia's Dizziest Duo," Chumley & Carlota, will lead a vocal warm up, oversee the costume contest and chime in with jeers and cheers.

Audiences are encouraged to dress up for the occasion, as nuns, Maria, Kurt, Girls in White Dresses with Blue Satin Sashes, Goats, a range of Alps, Brown Paper Packages Tied Up With String, Captain Von Trapp, the Baroness and even Ray, a drop of Golden Sun.

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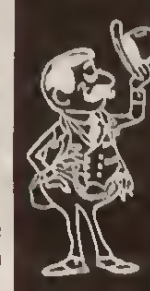
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HOW SWEET THE SOUND: Lucia Bradford sings "Amazing Grace" during a program in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. at the Arts Council of Princeton on Monday. *(Photo by Rebecca Blackwell)*

Martin L. King Jr.

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faculty earlier this year. "But too often this holiday and King's legacy are thought of as simply a moment in our past, as a time when the nation had not quite gotten it right."

Incomplete Democracy

A graduate of Morehouse College with a master's degree in African-American studies from Temple University and a doctorate in religion from Princeton, Dr. Glaude stated, "A national holiday in his honor ought to be a reminder of the incompleteness and fragility of our democracy, not a celebration of American triumphalism.

"And in these times of war and hubris," added Dr. Glaude, "Americans need to be reminded of just how fragile and fallen we are.

"This holiday can remind us that our democracy is incomplete — that our form of associated living stands as an ideal toward which we strive and, perhaps, will never achieve," said Dr. Glaude. "What better way to celebrate King's prophetic witness than to remember that hubris darkens the soul and blinds us to a world in need?"

Prior to Dr. Glaude's address, Princeton University President Shirley M. Tilghman said, "In addition to remembering the man, we also remember his message and rededicate ourselves to the values and the goals that he so eloquently articulated and for which he so passionately fought."

In addition, the program featured musical performances by the CASYM (Caribbean American Sports and Cultural Youth Movement) Steel Orchestra, a group of 50 students from New York, ages 6 through 18.

The celebration also included award presentations to winners of the annual poster contest for elementary school students and essay contest for middle school and high school students.

Arts Council

In the afternoon, the Arts Council of Princeton honored the life of Dr. King with a performance in its Loft Studio.

The program included the singing of spirituals by students of the Westminster Choir College, dancing by the John Witherspoon Middle School Dance Troupe, and a recitation of Dr. King's "I Have A Dream" speech by the middle school's Speech Choir.

First Baptist Church

Later that evening, the Princeton Clergy Association (PCA) hosted a service at the First Baptist Church of Princeton that filled the pews and the balcony of the church.

"We are gathered here to celebrate the life and legacy of Martin Luther King Jr.," said Rabbi Dov Peretz Elkins of the Jewish Center of Princeton, president of the PCA. "This day is meaningful for me as a Jew, for as Jews were persecuted, Dr. King stood with us."

The program featured musical selections by the Unity Choir of First Baptist Church; Lashir, the Jewish Community Choir of Princeton; and Shekel, the Junior Choir of the Jewish Center of Princeton.

The Rev. Maurice Wright III of First Baptist Church offered the sermon.

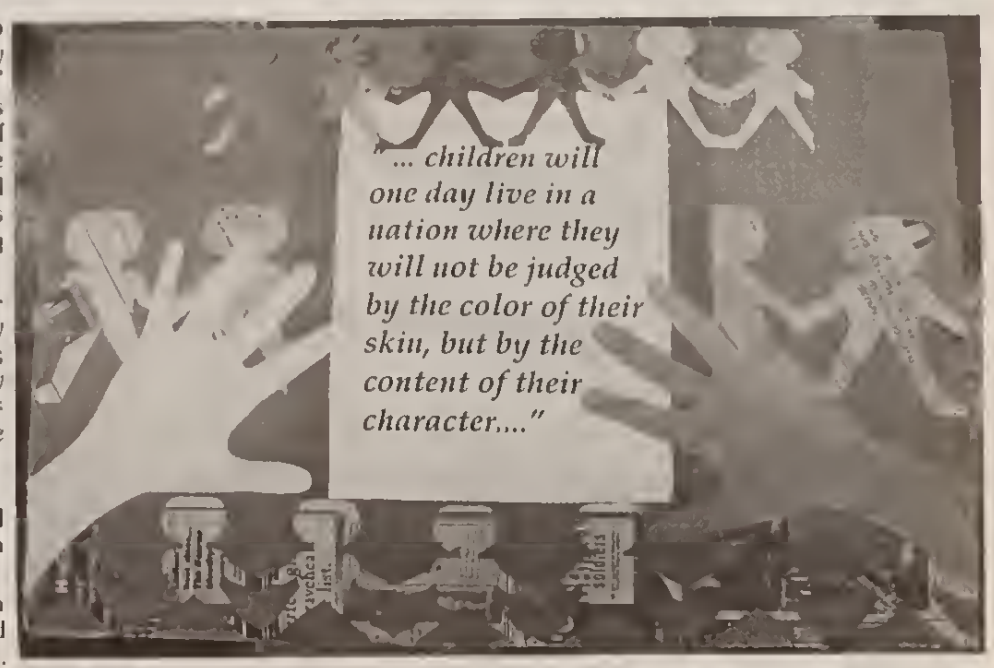
"Liberation that begins with God can bring justice," said Rev. Wright, comparing Dr. King to the biblical figure of Moses, who led the nation of Israel out of slavery in Egypt. "Liberation must begin on sacred ground."

Drawing an analogy between Rosa Parks — whose refusal to give up her seat to a white man on a bus on December 1, 1955 in Montgomery, Ala. and subsequent arrest initiated the Montgomery Bus Boycott — and the flame that Moses witnessed in the burning bush, Rev. Wright said, "It is in these barren wastelands that God will show up. She was the spark."

At the end of the service, the congregation joined hands to sing "We Shall Overcome."

—David McNutt

IN THE SPIRIT: The Rev. Maurice Wright III delivers a sermon at the First Baptist Church of Princeton as part of the service sponsored by the Princeton Clergy Association in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. *(Photo by Rebecca Blackwell)*



EXPRESSING PEACE: This poster by fifth grader Kate Jokubaitis of Stuart Country Day School in Princeton won second prize in Princeton University's annual poster and essay competition. *(Photo by Rebecca Blackwell)*

ONE DAY: Those who contributed to a recitation of Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have A Dream" speech at the Arts Council of Princeton included, from left, Ahmed Best, Sheldon Jackson, and Jawhara Parker. *(Photo by Rebecca Blackwell)*

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HEAR, O AMERICA: Dr. Valerie Hunt, a visiting scholar at Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School, listens to Dr. Glaude's address during the University's celebration of the life of Martin Luther King Jr. (Photo by Rebecca Blackwell)

SING, CHOIR, SING: Members of the Unity Choir from the First Baptist Church listen to a musical performance by Sheket, the Junior Choir of the Jewish Center of Princeton, during a service to commemorate Martin Luther King Jr.'s life and legacy. (Photo by Rebecca Blackwell)

PICTURE PERFECT: Those students who were awarded honorable mentions in Princeton University's annual poster contest for its Martin Luther King Day celebration included, from left, fifth grader Rosie Yeboah of Walter C. Black School in Hightstown, sixth grader Michelle Romano of Melvin H. Kreps School in East Windsor, fifth grader Nicole Levine of Village School in West Windsor, and sixth grader Rakhee Lalla of Stuart Country Day School in Princeton. (Photo by Rebecca Blackwell)

Students Mark MLK Jr. Day Through Artistic Creations

Many local students took part in Martin Luther King Jr. Day by expressing their artistic abilities and entering Princeton University's annual essay and poster contest, held in conjunction with its annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day ceremony. At the celebration, which was held last Thursday, students who submitted entries in the contest were recognized and given awards.

For the essay contest, 542 students in grades seven through 12 from 17 schools submitted entries to create a script for a 30-second radio spot that could be broadcast on Martin Luther King Jr. Day to remind listeners of the meaning of the day and to encourage them to do their part to increase understanding and improve relations among people of all races.

In the seventh though eighth grade category, the first place prize was awarded to Amisha Ahuja, grade seven, of Lawrence Middle School in Lawrence. Second place was awarded to Ricky Waller, grade eight, of Melvin H. Kreps Middle School in East Windsor.

Third place awards went to Rachel Filo, grade seven, of Melvin H. Kreps Middle School and Tara Phillips, grade eight, of Stuart Country Day School. Honorable mentions were given to Evie Cox, grade eight, of The Pennington School; Peter Day, grade seven, of the American Boychoir School; Bisola Egbe, grade eight, of Chapin School; Eleanor Hayes-Larson, grade eight, of Stuart Country Day School; and Matthew Michalski, grade eight, of Crockett Middle School in Hamilton.

For the ninth through tenth grade category, first place was awarded to Ellen Kraft, grade nine, of Villa Victoria Academy in Trenton. Second place went to Caitlin Murray, grade ten, also of Villa Victoria Academy.

Honorable mentions were awarded to Teresa Bayer, grade nine, of Villa Victoria Academy; Manisha Bhattacharya, grade 10, of West-Windsor-Plainsboro High School South; Julian Fung, grade 10, of West Windsor-Plainsboro High School South; and Christian Ginez, grade nine, of South Brunswick High School.

In the eleventh through twelfth grade, the first place prize went to Leslie Hart, grade 11, of Stuart Country Day School. Second place went to Tony Manela, grade 12, of West Windsor-Plainsboro High School North.

Honorable mentions were given to Eric Beam, grade 12, of West Windsor-Plainsboro High School North; Corey McCullough, grade 12, of Stuart Country Day School; Alexandra Pintchouk, grade 11, of Stuart Country Day School; Kathrine Schmidt, grade 12, of Stuart Country Day School; and Anna Stetsovskaya, grade 12, of West Windsor-Plainsboro High School South.

For the poster contest, 570 students in grades four through six submitted entries to create a billboard that could be installed along a major roadway for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

The first place prize went to Sophia Ginez, grade five, of Indian Fields Elementary School in Dayton. Second place was awarded to Kate Jokubaitis, grade five, of Stuart Country Day School.

Honorable mentions were given to Jahmar Bogle, grade six, of Holland Middle School in Trenton; Sierra Downs, grade five, of Sayen School in Hamilton; Bianca Garcia, grade six, of Crockett Middle School; Ilona Haidvogel, grade six, of Stuart Country Day School; Zola Hertz-Bunzl, grade four, of Littlebrook Elementary School; Thomas Johnson, grade five, of Granville Charter School in Trenton; Rakhee Lalla, grade six, of Stuart Country Day School; Nicole Levine, grade five, of Village School in West Windsor; Michelle Romano, grade six, of Melvin H. Kreps School; and Rosie Yeboah, grade five, of Walter C. Black School in Hightstown.

POWERFUL ORATORS: Dr. Eddie Glaude Jr., associate professor in Princeton University's department of religion who joined the faculty last year, delivers the annual address during the University's Martin Luther King Day celebration. (Photo by Rebecca Blackwell)

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ART

WHEN IN ROME: Deborah Rosenthal, professor of fine arts at Rider University, whose work includes the above "Episodic 2000," has been named as a visiting artist at The American Academy in Rome.

Rider Fine Art Professor Named Visiting Artist

Deborah Rosenthal, professor of fine arts at Rider University, has been named as a visiting artist at The American Academy in Rome, Italy.

From mid-February through mid-April, she will paint from her own private studio, give presentations on her work, and travel the countryside in France.

Interested in the interplay between art and architecture, Dr. Rosenthal has also planned expeditions to museums, churches, and sites in such places as Florence, Tuscany, and Sicily in order to gain further insight into ancient, early Christian, Baroque, and modern art.

"Although I've visited Rome before, I look forward to going back this time as a guest artist," said Dr. Rosenthal, who will engage in discourse with a wide range of artists, archaeologists, and art critics invited by the academy. "Participating in the life of the academy will be stimulating. Rome is such an aesthetically vibrant place which always nurtures imagination. I am expecting the unexpected."

Dr. Rosenthal is represented by the Bowery Gallery in New York City, where she has shown her work since 1984. In 2001, she was commissioned to design two stained-glass windows for the Ansche Chesed Synagogue, and that year her work was featured on the PBS program, "Religion and Ethics Newsweekly."

Over the years, Dr. Rosenthal's paintings have been showcased in numerous private and public collections, including the Philadelphia Museum of Jewish Art and the Bryn Mawr College Collection.

Dr. Rosenthal has served as a guest artist at Skidmore College and at the Hartford Art School and taught at the New York Studio School. She has also spoken on her work at the College Art Association, the American Society for Aesthetics, and the International Seminar on Jewish Art in Jerusalem.

"It's an incredible feeling to look at other new sources of inspiration each day," said Dr. Rosenthal. "This deepens and broadens my passion for sharing new ideas with my students."

Morris Museum to Host Programs With Exhibit

In conjunction with its exhibition, "100 New Jersey Artists Make Prints," the Morris Museum will host a series of adult programs.

Featuring various techniques of printmaking and papermaking, the exhibition, which originates from the Rutgers Center for Innovative Print and Paper (RCIPP), is scheduled to be on view through Sunday, March 16.

The museum's "Meet the Artist Lecture Series" will feature 7:30 p.m. presentations by sculptor Willie Cole on Thursday, January 23; Anne Q. McKeown and Peter Arakawa on Thursday, February 13; and Eileen Foti and Jon Rappleye on Thursday, March 6.

In addition, the museum will host "Cross Sections II: Artists and Their RCIPP Collaborators Discuss Their Work" on Sunday, February 9 at 2 p.m.

The free event will feature moderator Lynne Allen, director of RCIPP, and panelists Patricia Dahlman, Anne Q. McKeown, Alejandro Anreus, and Eileen Foti. The artists and their RCIPP collaborators will discuss the process of translating an artist's ideas into print or paper.

Founded in 1913, the Morris Museum explores and celebrates the arts, sciences, and history through exhibitions, educational programs, performing arts, and special events. Supported through membership, grants, benefits, admissions, and museum shop sales, the museum serves more than 200,000 adults and children each year.

Located at 6 Normandy Heights Road in Morristown, the Morris Museum is open Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m.

Admission to the museum is $6 for adults and $4 for children, students, and senior citizens. Admission is free at all times for museum members and for the general public every Thursday between 1 and 8 p.m. For more information, call (973) 971-3700 or visit www.morrismuseum.org.

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TWICE THE ART: This work by Jim Toia is on display along with art by Illia Barger at the Mercer County Community College Gallery in "Organics," an exhibit that is scheduled to run through February 20.

MCCC Gallery Showing "Organic" Exhibition

"Organics," an exhibit featuring recent works by Illia Barger and Jim Toia, is on display at the Mercer County Community College (MCCC) Gallery through Thursday, February 20.

An opening reception will be held on Wednesday, January 22 from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

Ms. Barger is showing her luminous, large scale paintings of the interiors of various fruit. Mr. Toia is exhibiting sculptures, installations, and prints — all created from and influenced by his study of mushrooms and woodlands.

In conjunction with the show, Ms. Barger will present a gallery talk on Wednesday, February 5 at 7 p.m. in the gallery. As part of MCCC's Distinguished Lecture series, Mr. Toia will present a slide lecture on "Art and the Environment," on Wednesday, February 19 at noon in the Communications Building, Room 109.

"Although Barger and Toia use vastly different media in creating their art," said Tricia Fagan, gallery curator, "they share an intellectual curiosity, an artistic elegance, a serious playfulness, and a deeply personal relationship to nature and the environment. These characteristics are much present in their work, which engages the viewer on a very immediate level, then continues to draw you in."

A resident of Stockton who also works as an organic farmer, Ms. Barger received her B.F.A. from Cooper Union in New York City and continued her studies at the New York Studio Show. She has shown her work throughout the region in solo shows — including Sacrament at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine — and group exhibitions.

Her recent shows have included Artists Space and First Street Gallery, both in New York City, and the Faber Virren National Color Award Show of the Stamford Art Association in Stamford, Conn.

The recipient of the Pollock-Krasner Foundation Award, Ms. Barger has contributed her work to many private and public collections, including the Greek Consulate in New York City and the Selma Burke Museum of Art in Winston Salem, N.C.

Mr. Toia, a resident of Califon, received his B.A. from Bard College and furthered his studies at the School of Visual Arts' studio arts program in Umbria, Italy. He completed his M.F.A. at the School of Visual Arts in New York City.

His exhibition record includes many solo, invitational, and group shows. Recent exhibits include shows at the Kim Foster Gallery in New York, the Hunterdon Museum of Art in Clinton, and the Museo de Arte y Diseno Contemporaneo in San Jose, Costa Rica. His work has garnered many awards and recognitions, including artist grants from the N.J. State Council on the Arts, the A.P. Kirby Foundation, and the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation.

Currently the director of the Williams Visual Arts Building at Lafayette College in Easton, Pa., Mr. Toia has worked as the artist-in-residence at The Lawrenceville School; Drury College, Mo.; and Lafayette College, Pa.

The Gallery at Mercer County Community College is located on its West Windsor Campus at 1200 Old Trenton Road. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Wednesday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m., and Thursday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m.

The Gallery is funded in part by the Mercer County Cultural and Heritage Commission through a grant from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts. For more information, call (609) 586-4800, ext. 3589.

Grounds for Sculpture To Host Artist Lecture

In conjunction with its "Dale Chihuly 2002" exhibit and as part of its "Artist Lecture Series," Grounds for Sculpture, the 35-acre sculpture grounds and museum in Hamilton, will host a presentation on Friday, January 24.

Starting with a reception from 7:30 to 8 p.m., the event will feature Douglas Heller — co-owner and director of Heller Gallery, a New York City gallery that has celebrated the use of glass as a fine art medium for more than 30 years — who will give an overview of contemporary art glass.

Scheduled to run through April 6, "Dale Chihuly 2002" features work by an artist who has revolutionized the studio glass movement in the United States. Earning him representation in more than 200 museum collections, his creations have pushed the limits of the medium.

A resident of Washington state, Mr. Chihuly was introduced to glass while studying interior design at the University of Washington, and he later enrolled in the first American hot glass program at the University of Wisconsin. As a graduate teaching assistant and then director of the studio glass program at the Rhode Island School of Design, Mr. Chihuly became involved in formal and material experimentation.

In 1968, he was awarded a Fulbright Fellowship and provided an opportunity to work at the Venini factory in Venice, Italy, where he learned a team approach to blowing glass. In 1971, Mr. Chihuly co-founded the Pilchuck Glass School in Washington, one of the world's largest and most comprehensive educational centers for artists working in that medium.

This show features a number of works from separate series done by Mr. Chihuly, including the undulating forms of "Macchia," the asymmetric works of "Baskets," flower-like "Persians," the more recent "Jerusalem Cylinders," and the individually blown elements of "Towers" and "Chandeliers."

Admission to the "Artist Lecture Series" is free with the price of general admission to the park. For those arriving at the sculpture park after 7 p.m. specifically to attend the lectures, the admission fee is waived.

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AFRICAN AND AMERICAN ART: "Connected," a print by Wendell Brooks will be featured along with sculpture by Michael Gyampo and Michael Gyampo Jr. in an exhibit at the Trenton City Museum at Ellarslie Mansion, through February 23.

Trenton City Museum Holding 2003 Opening

In its first exhibition of 2003, the Trenton City Museum at Ellarslie Mansion is showing works by Wendell Brooks, Michael Gyampo, and Michael Gyampo Jr. The show is scheduled to run through Sunday, February 23.

In conjunction with the exhibit, Michael Gyampo will hold a gallery talk on Saturday, January 25 at 1 p.m. On Saturday, February 1 at 1 p.m., Wendell Brooks will present a lecture and slide show.

Mr. Brooks has held more than 20 solo exhibits of his printmaking, and he has participated in numerous group shows. Among his exhibit sites are the National Museum of American Art of the Smithsonian Institution, the Hunterdon Museum of Art, and the Syedman Gallery at Rutgers University.

"My message to students is not only to instruct them in art, but in the larger life issues of self-discovery and motivation," said Mr. Brooks, who was recently named a full professor at The College of New Jersey. "I teach students to discover who they want to be and how to attain their goals. I set out to spark motivation in my students."

In his art, Mr. Gyampo, a native of Akwapim in Ghana, West Africa, employs the traditional Ghanaian philosophy of verbal visual nexus to transmit spiritual, moral, and ethical commitments. Through the use of various elements and symbols, he transfigures his ideas into a contemporary form, whether in wood, metal, concrete, or stone.

His son, Michael Gyampo Jr., has exhibited his sculpture at Princeton Stadium, Commerce Bank at the Carnegie Center in Princeton, the Extension Gallery in Mercerville, and the Lincoln Center in New York City. In 1997, he earned a scholarship to study in a 10-week program at Moore College of Art in Philadelphia.

The Trenton City Museum at Ellarslie Mansion is located in Cadwalader Park in Trenton. Museum hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. For more information, call (609) 989-3632 or visit www.ellarslie.org.

Princeton Artists Featured In Newark Museum Exhibit

The Community Gallery at the Newark Museum is featuring works by four artists — including Princeton artists Jamie Fuller and Debra Weier — in "Sign at the Crossroads," an exhibit that will run through Sunday, February 9.

This multimedia exhibition focuses on the idea of the cross as a powerful symbol of change that transcends all cultures. Other artists featured in the exhibition include Robert Mahon of Stockton and Anthony Panzera of Medham.

Ms. Fuller uses sculpture to identity the cross as a transept where the center point is for recollection, respite, and recovery. Mr. Mahon assembles photographs into a grid, the pattern of multiple crosses.

Both Mr. Panzera and Ms. Weier illustrate the cross through the medium of painting and explore its relation to the human body. Mr. Panzera paints in the tradition of the Renaissance Italian masters, while Ms. Weier takes a more abstract approach through the use of pointillism.

The Newark Museum is located at 49 Washington Street in Newark. Museum hours are Wednesday through Sunday from 12 to 5 p.m. For more information, call (973) 596-6355 or visit www.newarkmuseum.org.

Hunterdon Museum Running Solo Show

The drawings of New Jersey artist John Patterson will be featured in "Drawings by John Patterson: Process, Reveries, and Accumulations," a solo exhibition that will run at the Hunterdon Museum of Art from Sunday, January 26 through Saturday, March 8.

Mr. Patterson's works strive to show the process of drawing on paper as a transparent activity that is continually making and unmaking itself.

Combining comic morphology and a more stylized, classical figuration, he creates energetic, all-over compositions that incorporate shifting perspectives and changing points of view. The exhibition will include both drawings on paper and an installation that the artist will create at the museum.

Founded in 1952, the Hunterdon Museum of Art is located at 7 Lower Clinton Street on the riverbank in Clinton in a four-story stone mill listed on the National and State Historic Registers. In its historic setting, the museum presents exhibits of modern and contemporary art, featuring established as well as emerging artists.

Museum hours are Tuesday through Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call (908) 735-8415 or visit www.hunterdonartmuseum.org.

Children's Workshops Due at Morris Museum

Beginning this week, the Morris Museum will offer a series of artistic workshops for children.

ENERGETIC WORK: Drawings by New Jersey artist John Patterson will be featured in "Drawings by John Patterson: Process, Reveries, and Accumulations," an exhibit scheduled to appear at the Hunterdon Museum of Art in Clinton from January 26 through March 8.

"Discovery," an art program intended for children from the ages of 4 to 5, will be held on Wednesdays from 1 to 2 p.m. The cost is $80 for members and $96 for non-members.

The schedule includes "In the Kitchen" on January 29, "Cultural Explorers" on February 5, "Go Fly a Kite" on February 12, and "Myths and Fables" on February 26. In addition, the program will host "Dino-mite Prints" on March 5, "Cultural Clay" on March 12, and "Star Light, Star Bright" on March 19.

"Trailblazers," a program intended for children of ages 6 to 9, will be held on Thursdays from 4:30 to 6 p.m. The cost is $96 for members and $108 for non-members.

Scheduled programs include "World Quilt" on January 23, "Art in Structure" on January 30, "Expressing Diego" on February 6, and "By the Light of the Moon" on February 13. Additionally, the museum will host "Dot to Dot Seurat" on February 27, "Art and the Elephants" on March 6, and "Picture the Worlds" on March 13.

Founded in 1913, the Morris Museum explores and celebrates the arts, sciences, and history through exhibitions, educational programs, performing arts, and special events. Supported through membership, grants, benefits, admissions, and museum shop sales, the museum serves more than 200,000 adults and children each year.

Located at 6 Normandy Heights Road in Morristown, the Morris Museum is open Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m.

Admission to the museum is $6 for adults and $4 for children, students, and senior citizens. Admission is free at all times for museum members and for the general public every Thursday between 1 and 8 p.m.

Preregistration is required for both series of programs. For more information, call (973) 971-3700 or visit www.morrismuseum.org.

ARTIST AND AMBASSADOR: This copper gouache on paper work by Princeton artist Jamie Fuller, entitled "Spacial Cues #17," is among the works featured in an exhibition scheduled to appear at the Newark Museum through February 9.

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Joy in the Art of Princeton's Jean Lareuse

Crammed in the garage of an unpretentious house on a long, residential lane in Princeton is the work of French painter Jean Lareuse. Scores of framed and unframed canvasses line shelves from floor to ceiling. In one corner, a workbench stands, cluttered with tubes of paint, brushes, mats and tape. "This is my life's work," Mr. Lareuse said, gesturing to the shelves. "I have been painting for 45 years." Subjects repeated in his work, which is predominantly impressionist in style, are bright seascapes with billowy clouds and boats, and other natural subjects, as well as whimsical scenes of Parisian life, including school children and Catholic nuns. Horses are also a specialty, he said.

Joie de Vivre

"I focus on the joie de vivre," he said with a laugh.

He has sold about 2,000 paintings in the U.S., as well as worked in stained glass for churches in France, and written and illustrated a children's book. The highly regarded artist also published a book in 2002, reflecting on his life, and its roots in both French and American cultures.

Mr. Lareuse was born in France and educated at the Ecole des Beaux Arts in Paris; but he has lived in Princeton for more than half of his career.

With his wife and three children, Mr. Lareuse moved to Princeton in 1977, attracted by its peacefulness and proximity to New York, he said.

Inside the Princeton house that he shares with his wife Caroline, a native New Jerseyan, are many more paintings: a seascape, reminiscent of Monet, hangs in the living room above the mantel; a large screen, depicting thoroughbred horses and a racing stadium stands in a corner; and a painting of the Josephine Baker mansion in France, showing a young family strolling into its entrance, is in the dining room.

Monet, Renoir, Chagall, Dufy and other Impressionists, have influenced his work. "Chagall was such a dreamer," he said admiringly.

Princeton an Influence

Princeton has also been an influence, he said. Its beautiful seasonal changes have contributed to his use of more brilliant color in his works.

"In the fall, the colors are so strong, with intense yellows and reds. In Europe, there isn't that intensity; and they ask me there, are these colors real,'" he said, pulling out some snapshots of the trees in town that Princeton residents enjoyed last season.

He said the natural light in Princeton is similar to the south of France, where he grew up. "There are lots of bright, sunny days and the luminosity inspires me," he said. "It's unlike Paris which can be cloudy for days."

Over the years, Mr. Lareuse has shown his paintings in Paris, New York, Los Angeles, Caracas, London, Princeton, and most recently in the south of France, with a retrospective exhibition of his paintings held in November at the Chateau Royal of Collioure.

In addition, one of his sons owns an art gallery in the Washington, D.C. area, where his work has been shown along with masters including Picasso, Miro, Chagall and others. The art business was a natural career choice for his son since "he had been looking at pictures his whole life," Mr. Lareuse said.

Another son teaches French in the Baltimore area and his daughter, a lawyer, resides in California. The family includes seven grandchildren.

In his book, written in French, *L'Amerique La Magnifique*, or *America the Beautiful*, Mr. Lareuse writes about his life and comments widely on both good and bad aspects of the French and American societies. He laughed a lot during a recent conversation about these observations, but he was also serious at times.

FRENCH LIFE: Local resident Jean Lareuse prints his homeland in "Snow in Paris"

"In France, everyone helps to maintain the family better," he said. But the French complain a lot and often lack ambition because more than half of their income goes to the government, he added.

"The U.S. is ahead of everybody else in the world, but they force you to work so hard," he said. American workers put in 12 years more at the office than their French counterparts, due to longer workdays, shorter vacations and delayed retirements, he said.

As Mr. Lareuse talked, he picked up a pen to autograph his book. Also on the coffee table in his den were sharp pencils, a black Crayola marker, other pens, two television remotes, wire cutters, pliers and a pair of scissors.

The table also held a painted, ceramic tile, which he was redoing to replace a damaged piece of a historic plaque he made for Princeton. The plaque, commemorating the 1781 Battle of Yorktown, stands in the shadow of the monument at Princeton Borough Hall.

With a sparkle in his youthful, blue eyes, Mr. Lareuse said he and his wife spend their summers in France, but he hasn't considered moving back permanently. "The family is here," he said.

America Can Be Cruel

"America wasn't built for sensitive souls. It can be a cruel country. But you can reach your goal of the American dream," he said. His book touches on many current events, including the tragedy of September 11th. And his voice cracked in reviewing its conclusion: a poetic description of the thousands of white crosses that stand on the French Normandy coast, representing the lives of soldiers lost — many of them American — in the 1944 invasion of Normandy that helped end World War II.

"Pain is temporary. But glory lasts forever," he said, expressing gratitude to the American freedom fighters.

As for his definition of art, Mr. Lareuse said, "Art is an expression of love."

"Some people say that if you don't like abstract art, you don't understand it. But there's nothing to understand or explain in art," he said.

As for himself, he said he has never expressed himself abstractly. Early in his working life he was influenced by the war, and used dark colors and depicted tragic-comic subjects, such as his 1949 painting of a beautiful rooster being held by a chef before slaughter. But as his art developed, he produced brighter canvasses about beauty and enjoyment, choosing to focus on the hopeful aspects of life.

—Becky Melvin

STACKS OF PAINTINGS: Jean Lareuse holds up his "Jockey" painting in his garage.

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Former PHS Star Davison Goes from Injury To Chairman of the Boards for College of NJ

Bobby Davison could've felt sorry for himself after he seriously hurt his left ankle last winter just six games into his college basketball career for The College of New Jersey (TCNJ).

Davison, a former standout swing man at Princeton High, was sidelined for the rest of the campaign and was given medical redshirt status due to the injury, a third degree ankle sprain.

But rather than sulking about his fate, Davison turned his energy to lifting weights and packed 15 pounds of muscle onto his wiry 6'5, 185-pound frame.

Now it appears that Davison's injury may have been a blessing in disguise as the retooled, 200-pound Davison has emerged as a terror on the boards for the Lions, pulling down 11.1 rebounds a game to lead the New Jersey Athletic Conference and rank 13th nationwide among NCAA Division III players.

"I basically spent the rest of the year in the weightroom, I went everyday," said Davison in a recent interview as he reflected on having his freshman season cut short. "My vertical leap went from 36 inches to 37 1/2. I also worked a lot on my basketball skills."

When TCNJ power forward Scot Findlay was sidelined this year with an injury of his own, the new, improved Davison was ready to step into the inside void for the Lions and take over the dirty work of pounding the boards.

"The team had a lot of guards and the one thing we really needed was rebounding," said Davison, who has already been named NJAC Rookie of the Week twice so far this season. "I saw my opportunity to be a power forward and contribute in that way and I took it."

Davison, who did a lot of damage from the perimeter in his PHS career in which he scored 854 points, has enjoyed his new job of mixing it up in the paint.

"I don't miss getting a lot of shots," said Davison, who is scoring 8.1 points a game and dishing out 2.8 assists a contest for the 9-6 Lions. "Being around the basket a lot has helped me get my rebounding totals up. When the shot goes up, I just try to box out the closest player and go for the ball. Also I'm getting a lot of assists off rebounds so I'm contributing that way too."

Although TCNJ head coach John Castaldo recruited Davison as a small forward or swing player, he is not surprised at his emergence in the paint.

"Bobby came in here with a hunger and desire and you can't coach that," said Castaldo, who is in his tenth season heading the TCNJ basketball program. "Based out of need, he has become a great rebounder for us. He does whatever he can to help the team. He has definitely solidified us around the basket."

While Davison is making his name for his rebounding prowess, Castaldo says there is a lot more to his game. "He can play inside but he also steps out and takes shots from the perimeter," explained Castaldo. "With the skills that he developed in high school, he does things that other inside players don't and that causes problems for the defense. He has nearly had double-double games for us in rebounds and assists."

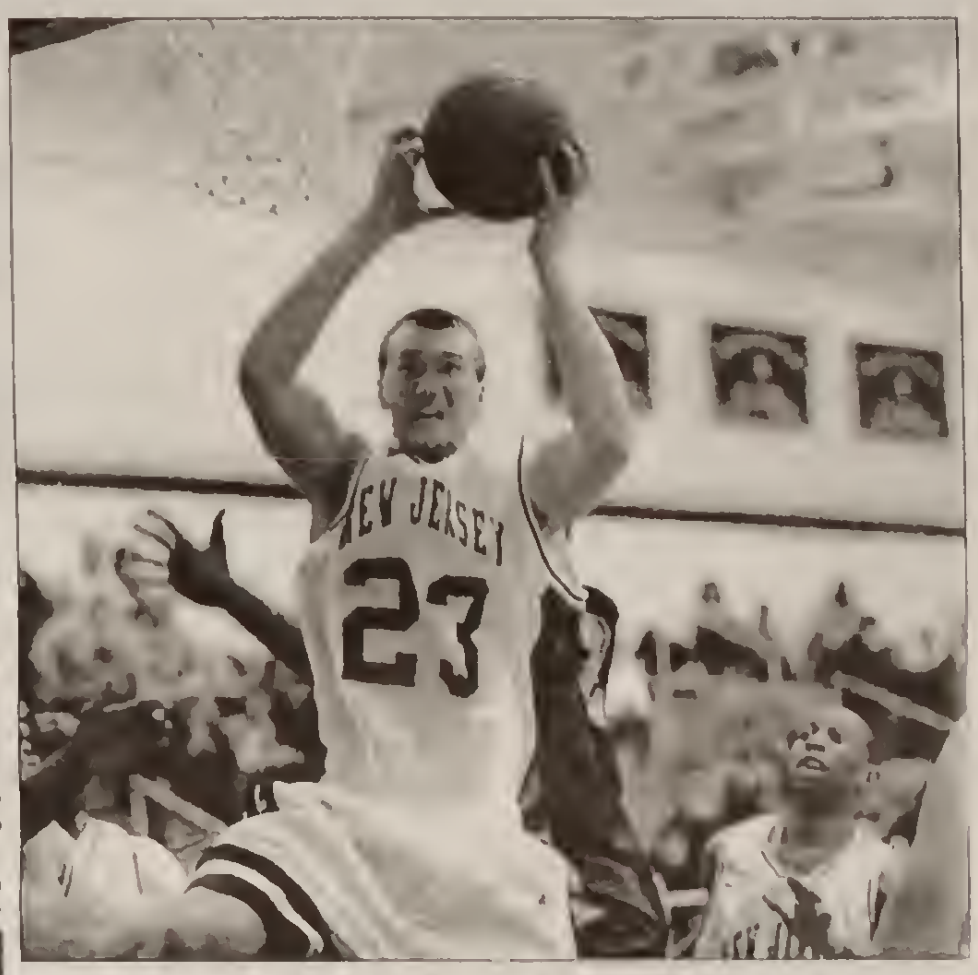
Davison acknowledges that his PHS experience was a major factor underlying the success he is currently enjoying. "Being part of a winning program my senior year really helped me a lot," said Davison, who earned First Team All-Mercer County honors in his senior season with the Little Tigers as he scored 19.3 points per game and averaged 10.2 rebounds a contest. "I learned that you can hold anything back on the court. That senior year laid the foundation for what I'm doing now."

Davison, however, started dreaming of playing on the college level in middle school when he served as the ballboy for the Princeton University men's basketball team. "I learned a lot watching them passing so well and playing so hard," recalled Davison, who has pulled down a career-high 18 rebounds in two games this season. "It was a good experience. Being in that atmosphere definitely made me want to play college basketball."

Now that Davison is reaching stardom at the college level, he is adjusting his goals. "I want to keep contributing as much as possible," said Davison, who scored nine points and pulled down a team-high 14 rebounds last Saturday in a losing cause as TCNJ fell 68-63 in overtime to New Jersey City University. "I'd like to be the league's leading rebounder. I'd like us to make the NCAA some year."

Whether or not Davison accomplishes those goals, he has certainly made TCNJ's foes sorry that he took advantage of some down time to emerge as a force down low.

—Bill Alden



LIONHEARTED: TCNJ forward Bobby Davison rips down one of his 14 rebounds in the Lions' 68-63 overtime loss to visiting New Jersey City University last Saturday. Davison, a redshirt freshman and former Princeton High star, is averaging 11.1 rebounds a game to lead the New Jersey Athletic Conference and rank 13th nationwide among NCAA Division III players.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

NO PASSING FANCY: TCNJ forward Bobby Davison looks to pass last Saturday in the Lions' 68-63 overtime setback to New Jersey City University. In addition to leading the Lions and the NJAC in rebounding, Davison has been the team's top assist man in three games so far this season.

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PHS Edges Stuart Ice Hockey In Dramatic Duel of Goalies

Princeton High goalkeeper Britney Russell was having a relatively quiet day at the office for the first two periods last week as PHS battled the Stuart ice hockey team.

While Russell's teammates had peppered Tartans' goalie Lindsay Grabowski to no avail in the January 14 contest, the Little Tigers' senior hadn't been severely tested as the game headed into the third period deadlocked at 0-0.

With the tension mounting by the minute and the Baker Rink crowd gasping at each scoring opportunity, the Little Tigers broke through with 1:51 remaining as Cami Mahon slid the puck past the valiant Grabowski in a jam in front of the net, assisted by Vicki Chen and Louise Finnell.

Russell then found herself squarely in the hotseat as Stuart pulled Grabowski with a minute remaining and then proceeded to use their one-player advantage to bombard the PHS netminder with a flurry of point-blank shots. Russell, though, was up to the task, sprawling and stretching to close the door on the Tartans and preserve the shutout.

Afterward, a relieved Russell was able to smile as she relived the harrowing last minute of the game. "I really didn't want to settle for a tie," said Russell who came into the game with a sparkling 1.00 goals against average. "It's a home game and we only get two a year. It's amazing how it worked out."

Russell admitted that she was hanging on for dear life as the Tartans mounted their last-minute attack. "I was just pleased that they didn't shoot high," explained Russell. "If they shot high I was out of it. Thank God they didn't. I just wanted to stop the puck."

PHS head coach Matt Becan wasn't fazed by having his team's fate in Russell's hands. "It really came down to Britney, she had to make a lot of big saves and she did," said Becan, whose squad improved to 7-1-1 with the win.

"I told Britney during the break before the third period that since she hadn't seen a lot of shots in the first two periods, she needed to stay focused and mentally prepared for any kind of shot. I told her that sooner or later this team is going to get a chance and you're going to have to come up big for us. She did."

Russell, however, was just one of two goalies on the ice who put in a stellar performance as Stuart's Grabowski stood tall throughout an evening in which she recorded 23 saves. The acrobatic senior, who is also a competitive figure skater, made several dazzling stops, highlighted by robbing Chen on four or five breakaways.

"Lindsay is a great goaltender," said Stuart head coach Greg Bugge, whose team blanked Radnor (Pa.) 3-0 last Saturday on an 18-save performance by Grabowski to improve to 3-4. The Tartans travel to Pingry on January 22 before hosting Holton Arms on January 26. "She's there in the clutch. She gives 110% every game, I can't say enough about her. This ranks up with one of her best performances of the year."

Bugge, though, knew that his team's brave effort was not a one-player show. "I thought that we played phenomenal," said Bugge, citing in particular the defensive efforts of Carly Williams and Tracy Statter and the hustle of Taylor Blazewski up front. "There wasn't anything they did tonight that I wasn't proud of."

The Little Tigers' Becan was equally proud of his team's collective effort. "The girls never gave up, they pulled through in the end," said a smiling Becan, whose team has road games at Summit on January 24 and Princeton Day School on January 27. "They put their hearts in it and worked really hard. Fortunately, we were able to bang one in. It came down to persistence."

And while PHS is now 14-1-2 in its last 17 games stretching back to last season, Russell, for one, believes the team can't change the scrappy mentality that sparked the program's surge.

"I still see us as underdogs even though we're probably not," said Russell, who recorded 21 saves against the Tartans. "Just to think that you're an underdog helps me think that I need to step up and play better. I think that we want to keep our streak going and just concentrate on winning games."

With a goaltender as focused as Russell in clutch situations, PHS is in good shape to continue its winning ways. **—Bill Alden**

SAVING GRACE: Princeton High goaltender Britney Russell makes one of her 21 saves in PHS' 1-0 win over Stuart on January 14. Russell has been giving up about one goal a game for the Little Tigers, who are now 7-1-1 and play at Summit High on January 24 and at Princeton Day School on January 27. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

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FISHER KING: Princeton High distance star Mark Fisher flies through the water last Saturday in the Little Tigers' 100-70 win over Hopewell Valley. Fisher won the 500 freestyle and took second in the 200 free as PHS moved to 7-0. (Photo by Rebecca Blackwell)

HANDY MAN: Princeton High sophomore Peter Hand swimming the breaststroke last Saturday in PHS' 100-70 win over Hopewell Valley at DeNunzio Pool. Hand won the 200-yard individual medley and 100 breaststroke in the Hopewell meet to help the Little Tigers improve to 7-0. (Photo by Rebecca Blackwell)

PHS Boys' Swimmers Pass Hopewell Test, Ready for Nottingham

It didn't take long for the Princeton High boys' swimming team to make a statement last Saturday in its showdown with rival Hopewell Valley.

The Little Tigers started the meet at Princeton University's DeNunzio Pool by winning three of the first four events in blistering times. By the end of the action, PHS had a 100-70 win with most of its swimmers setting season bests and several posting personal records.

"You start to get a feeling by the third event whether everyone is on," said PHS head coach Greg Hand, whose boys' team improved to 7-0 with the win. "The theme Saturday was that everyone was swimming fast."

In Hand's view, the challenge of beating Hopewell and the chance to swim at DeNunzio helped spur his squad.

"It's been a good rivalry for years," said Hand, referring to the Hopewell matchup. "They have strong middle lane swimmers. It felt great swimming at DeNunzio. The most important thing is that everyone stepped up."

Standout performers for the Little Tigers included Yoshe Deligne, who set a personal best in the 100-yard butterfly of 55.47 seconds even though he came in second, Peter Hand, who won the 100 breaststroke with a personal best of 1:05.70 in addition to taking the 200 individual medley, and Jesse Applegate, the winner of the 50 freestyle in a county best of 21.62.

In addition, Nate Ristuccia accomplished a personal record in winning the 100 backstroke in 58.57 while Devin White gave an indication of the squad's depth as he took 1.5 seconds off his personal best in finishing fourth in the 200 IM.

Hand hopes his team can build on its strong performance when it travels to 5-2 Nottingham this Thursday. "We need to swim to win," said Hand, whose team travels to Steinert on January 28.

"A league championship could be at stake if we win. Also we will probably swim against them in the state tournament since they should get a high seed. This is a meet where we really want to walk away feeling that we have done our best."

In Hand's view, his girls' squad could feel that way Saturday even though they fell 103-67 to Hopewell. "They didn't get shaken even though they were losing," said Hand in assessing the girls' performance. "They had a lot of fun rooting for each other . They got more points in the pool against Hopewell than I anticipated. They can be proud of their performance."

The 3-4 girls' team was led once again by freshman sensation Nina Rossi, who won both the 200 IM and 100 butterfly.

Overall, Hand likes how his program is shaping up as it heads down the homestretch of the season. "I'm very happy with how the team has performed this month," said Hand. "We continue to have a good training environment, good spirit at meets and good results." **—Bill Alden**

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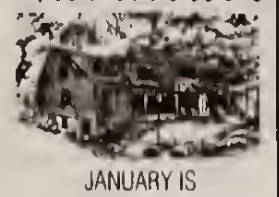
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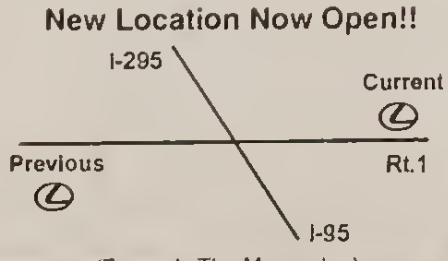

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KEEPING FOCUSED: Princeton High forward Whitney Brunner fires up a jumper in PHS' recent 28-27 loss to Princeton Day School. Brunner is averaging 3.7 points a game for the Little Tigers, who are off to a 0-10 start and host Villa Victoria on January 28. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

PHS Girls' Basketball Not Letting Up Despite Starting Season 0-10

With the Princeton High girls' basketball team trailing Notre Dame by 46 points late in the fourth quarter last Thursday, it would have been easy for the Little Tigers to hang their heads and just play out the string until the final buzzer.

But there was PHS guard Arica Randall hustling and crashing to the floor as she picked up a charging foul on the Irish. Randall's effort, of course, didn't change the outcome of the game as the Irish won 65-27 but it was emblematic of a relentless attitude that should lead to some success down the road for the 0-10 Little Tigers.

"From start to finish of the ballgame, our effort was very good," said PHS head coach Bill Visokay after his team finished the game with an 8-0 run and outscored 9-1 Notre Dame 10-5 in the fourth quarter. "If we do that on a consistent basis, we'll win some games. Our performance wasn't bad, when the other team comes out and shoots seven-for-seven from three-point range in the first half there's not much you can do."

Visokay believes that utilizing a piecemeal approach is the key to helping his team fight its way of out of its slump. "Our goal is to hold teams to 10 points or less in the first quarter and win that quarter," explained Visokay, who led PHS to a 5-18 mark last year in his first season heading the Little Tigers, a four-win improvement on the 2000-01 campaign.

"Then we want to hold teams to 10 points or less in the second quarter and win that quarter. We need to take it one step at a time and when we do, things will fall in place."

In Visokay's view, he has the pieces in place to right the ship. In the loss to the Irish, Val Davison scored 10 points in her first game back after suffering a stress fracture in her foot while Randall chipped in six.

"Arica played a fantastic game tonight. When she came out I told her it was the best game of her high school career," said Visokay, who also cited the hustle of Katie Bliss and the low-post play of Whitney Brunner. "Val Davison was back tonight for the first time this season. She's still rusty, coming off an injury. Having her back is a big help."

The experienced Visokay, who coached for over 20 seasons in Middlesex County before coming to PHS, is doing his best to make sure that the tough start doesn't take a toll on the team's psyche. "It's difficult to come to practice every day and not see the results," said Visokay, whose club hosts Villa Victoria on January 28.

"I know that and I talk to them about that every day. You focus on the things that they're doing well. We need to develop consistency in our mental preparation and therefore our performance."

In the wake of the fight shown by his team last Thursday, Visokay believes success is just around the corner. "I see progress," asserted Visokay. "I look back to the scores last year and the way we played against certain people and the games are much closer this year. This is a great group of kids, sooner or later they're going to get their rewards." **—Bill Alden**

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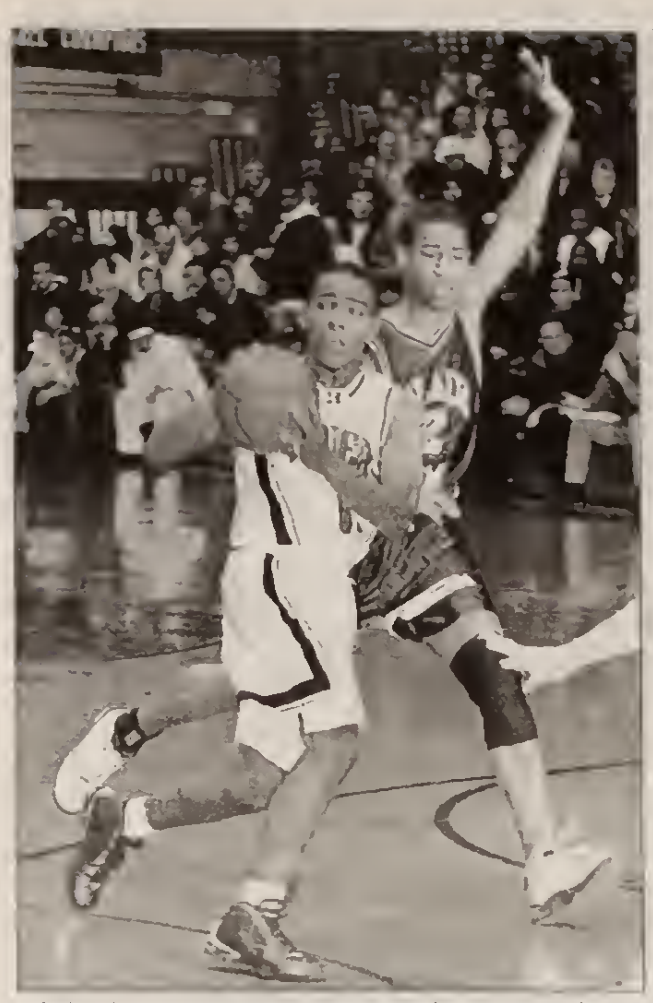

NOISE CONTROL: Hun School point guard Mingus Murray gets bottled up by a Blair defender as Hun fell 61-39 last Wednesday to the visiting Bucs to the disappointment of a jam-packed gym. Murray scored 15 points to lead the Raiders, who fell to 9-4 and travel to St. Thomas More School on January 24 and Worcester Academy on January 25. *(Photo by Rebecca Blackwell)*

Hun Turns Up Volume But Can't Drown Out Blair Boys' Basketball

The Hun School gymnasium was packed, rocking, and more than a bit hostile as the nationally ranked Blair Academy boys' basketball team hit town last Wednesday.

Hun students, many of them clad in bright red "Hun Superfan" t-shirts, did their best imitation of Duke's "Cameron crazies," serenading the Bucs with chants of "overrated" and "this is our house" as Blair went through its pregame warmups.

The overflowing student section, which spilled out to within inches of the court, focused their volume on Blair's two big-time stars, 6'9 Luol Deng, who is headed to Duke, and 6'8 Charlie Villanueva, bound for Illinois.

In the early stages of the game, it appeared that Blair was a bit rattled as an inspired Hun stayed in front, building a five-point advantage at one point. With Hun clinging to a three-point lead with just over two minutes remaining in the second quarter, the tide changed as Blair turned up its defensive intensity and grabbed a 26-23 lead at the break.

Building on that late first half surge, the Bucs shut down the Raiders in the last two quarters, holding the Raiders to 16 points over the last 16 minutes, and sending the crowd home quietly as the final margin hit 61-39.

Hun head coach Jon Stone was terse and to the point as he reflected on the evening. "What can I say, they hit some shots and we didn't," said Stone, whose team shot just five-for-25 in the second half as it fell to 9-4. "They were able to formulate a lead and we started pressing a little bit. We had to take some chances and we came up short. It just wasn't our night."

Still, Stone, whose club had fallen 68-49 at Blair in mid-December, saw some progress based on the team's first half effort. "We played a better game than last time but we didn't play well," said Stone, who got 15 points from Mingus Murray with Nathan Fritsch adding seven and Kyle Atkinson chipping in six. "We got some good looks but the shots didn't go in. Some nights they're not going to go in for you. We'll learn from this one. It's only going to get us better as we head towards state time."

In the view of Blair head coach Joe Mantegna, his team had something to do with Hun's cold shooting. "That's as good a a second half defensively as my teams have played in my four years at Blair," said Mantegna, reflecting on a night in which his squad improved to 14-1.

"In the last three minutes of the second quarter, we got the momentum going. It wasn't any adjustment we made, they just played hard. It was strictly a commitment/energy thing."

He attributed some of his team's intensity to the snake pit atmosphere created by the Hun fans. "This was a tall order, coming into a hostile environment against who we think is a terrific team," added Mantegna, whose stars showed they are ready for prime time as Deng scored 16 points and grabbed 17 rebounds and Villanueva chipped in 15 points. "We heard what we were walking into. We love it, it's great."

Stone, for his part, is ready for his club to walk into another matchup with Blair, as the two are likely to meet again either in Mid-Atlantic Prep League tournament or the Prep A state tourney.

"We'll see these guys again, we're looking forward to it" said Stone, whose squad travels to St. Thomas More School on January 24 and Worcester Academy on January 25. "We'll see them at least one more time. We're ready to play them again."

—Bill Alden

Savage Enjoying Switch To Hun Boys' Basketball

Nights like last Wednesday are a major reason why Noah Savage transferred to the Hun School from Princeton High.

The 6'6 junior swing man was in the starting lineup for the Raiders' boys basketball team as it hosted nationally ranked Blair Academy.

The gym was filled to the rafters, with one female student at courtside wearing a t-shirt bearing the message "Noah Savage is a stud."

Savage didn't quite live up to the billing on the girl's shirt, being held to two points in a 61-39 loss as he was covered by nationally celebrated Luol Deng, Duke University's top recruit, for much of the evening.

But just having the chance to duel a player like Deng is something that Savage is relishing. "All these big games make it worth it," said Savage, who is scoring 9.6 points a game this season for the 9-4 Raiders. "Going to playing against Blair from playing WW/P-S is a big difference. I saw how good the team was and how good the school is and I wanted to come here."

One of Savage's biggest games this year came when he scored 21 points to help Hun topple then No. 3-ranked St. Benedict's 62-54 on January 7.

"The game against St. Benedict's was a real highlight," said Savage, who stands out on the court with his ever present headband over his close cropped hair. "I've been trying to take good shots all year when they've been there. I just took what was there that game and hit my shots."

Hun head coach Jon Stone is happy with how Savage has fit in. "Noah has made a tremendous contribution to the program," said Stone. "He has had a good adjustment and that's a testament to him and also a testament to the rest of the players we have. His attitude is as wonderful as his work ethic. He brings a lot both on and off the court."

For Savage, the off-court transition has been smooth. "Academically, everything has been really great," said Savage. "I like the way the school is set up to help you succeed academically and in everything."

Stone believes Savage has the ability to be a major success at the next level. "Noah's potential is his," said Stone, who has been guiding the Raiders since the 2000-01 campaign. "He will definitely be a college player. The question is where is he going to be happiest and what school is the right fit for him."

Savage, for his part, is convinced that fitting in at Hun will hold him in good stead when it comes to surviving the rigors of college hoops. "Playing against tougher competition is a big help," maintained Savage. "Also the fact that we have a bigger team means that I get to play more guard and handle the ball. I think that I've improved a lot in that area."

Savage can count that as just one of the skills he has enhanced as a result of his move to Hun. **—Bill Alden**

SMOOTH TRANSFER: Hun School junior Noah Savage glides in for a lay-up last Wednesday against Blair as Hun fell 61-39 to tho nationally-ranked Bucs. Savage, who transferrod this yoar to Hun from Princeton High, is scoring 9.6 points a game for the Raiders. *(Photo by Rebecca Blackwell)*

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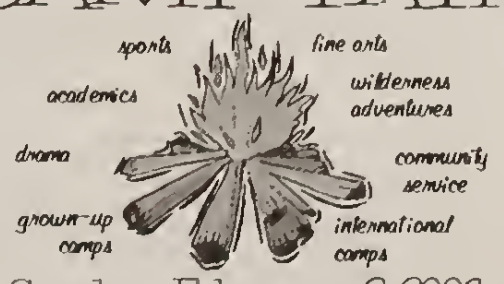

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NEW BLOOD: Hun School freshman Mary Stinson fights for a loose ball in Hun's 42-40 win over Hightstown last Saturday. Stinson, a Princeton resident, is scoring 7.1 points a game for the 10-4 Raiders. *(Photo by Rebecca Blackwell)*

Stinson Giving Boost To Hun Girls' Hoops

Mary Stinson can tell you that it isn't easy being a freshman trying to break into a veteran-laden squad.

As a freshman forward on the Hun School girls' basketball team this winter, Stinson spent most of early season play mired to the bench watching her more experienced teammates.

But due to some injuries and her diligence, the S'10 Stinson recently forced her way into the Raiders' starting lineup.

Last Saturday, Stinson demonstrated that she isn't likely to lose her starting spot anytime soon as she scored 14 points to help Hun nip visiting Hightstown 42-40.

Afterward, Stinson, a Princeton resident, acknowledged that she has struggled to establish herself. "I'm the youngest one so it was kind of hard at first," said Stinson, who has her scoring average up to 7.1 points a game, the third best on the team behind seniors Shannon Mims (11.4) and Natalie Brunone (10.1). "Most of the people were on the team last year and I had to learn the plays. It's taken a lot of hard work."

Now that Stinson is in the starting lineup, she is getting increasingly comfortable with her role on the team. "I'm used to going down low from my old league," said Stinson, who scored nine of Hun's last 11 points in the second quarter and then came up with three points down the stretch as the Raiders fought from behind to top the Rams. "There were some good passes coming on the break today. We all came together and I played well."

For Hun head coach Bill Holup, whose team had fallen 67-14 to Peddie on January 14 in its previous outing, Stinson's progress has been crucial. "Mary has done a terrific job down low," said Holup, whose squad improved to 10-4 with the win. "She gives us height. She's a lefty which gives her an advantage because most people guarding her in the post are used to people going to their right. Mary will take it inside regardless of who we're playing against and how tall the other girl is."

Holup will need his team to show that kind of fearlessness if it is to get on a hot streak like last year's 9-3 finish that culminated with a loss in the state Prep A championship game.

"The Peddie game was extremely disheartening," said Holup, whose club is on an exam break and will next be in action when it plays at Granville Academy on January 27. "We wanted to come out and show that we're not that poor a team overall. What we needed to do was to come out and play hard."

In assessing his club's effort against Hightstown, Holup reserved special praise for one of his key veterans, Brunone, who scored a team-high 15 points in the win. "Natalie is extremely athletic," asserted Holup. "She can handle the ball and she can shoot from the outside. She gives us a little more height."

Overall, Holup is happy with his club's progress as it breaks for exams. "Last year we were 7-7 at this point," said Holup. "So we're doing better. When we get everybody healthy after exams, that'll help."

And with Stinson continuing her rapid progress, the Raiders' prospects appear bright. **—Bill Alden**

JUGGLING ACT: Princeton Day School defender Heidi Morse fights for the puck last Friday in PDS' 6-1 loss to visiting Greenwich Academy. The Panthers, now 4-6, play at Lawrenceville on January 23 before hosting Princeton High on January 27. *(Photo by Rebecca Blackwell)*

PDS Girls' Ice Hockey Not Discouraged By Tough Competition

The Princeton Day School girls' ice hockey team didn't act like a club that hadn't won a game since December as it headed out of its locker room last Friday to face visiting Greenwich Academy.

The Panthers shouted and banged on the glass in one corner of the rink and then yelped in unison as they hit the ice for their pregame skate.

Utilizing that energy, the Panthers fought the bigger and faster Greenwich Academy all 45 minutes. And while PDS lost 6-1 to fall to 4-6 on the season, Panthers head coach Meghan Hishmeh was pleased with her squad's effort.

"I think that my team gave 100% effort the whole way," said Hishmeh after the game in which only Blair Lamb scored for PDS. "Our kids never hung their heads, they kept after it. We had nearly the same amount of shots (24-25) as they did so you can't ask for more than that."

Hishmeh maintained that the team's mindset is upbeat despite the recent 5-game losing streak which has seen the Panthers get outscored 38-5 by such formidable foes as Lawrenceville, Millbrook, Kent, and Hill.

"I don't think we have a problem," said Hishmeh, who guided PDS to the state Prep title last season. "I think that we're meeting all of our toughest teams in one bunch. We're just in that part of the schedule. The good lesson is that our kids see that the hockey in the Princeton area isn't the only hockey and that they have to take it up a notch."

In Hishmeh's view, the lumps that her team are absorbing now will pay off in the long run. "Playing teams like this motivates our kids," explained Hishmeh, who is in her fourth year heading the Panthers' program. "They go to practice and they want to do things better. Overall, it's been a way to reestablish goals. It hasn't been a downer."

Despite the one-sided losses, Hishmeh says the team is making progress. "We've cut down on the number of breakaway goals and we're doing much better in terms of neutral ice possession," added Hishmeh, who cited the defensive contributions of Heidi Morse, Hilary Cook and goaltender Kristina Costa and the offensive productivity of Meg Kerwin, Blair Lamb, and Carly Berger. "We've got a handful of new faces and you wouldn't know it from looking at us."

Taking on stiff competition has helped Hishmeh pinpoint the main area in which her squad needs to improve. "We need to generate more shots and make the shots we get more effective," noted Hishmeh, whose team has the chance to avenge two earlier defeats when it travels to Lawrenceville on January 23 and then hosts Princeton High on January 27. "You put every game behind you and learn from it."

—Bill Alden

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Boys' Basketball: Paced by solid performances from Alex Suguira and Drew Godwin, the Panthers topped visiting Granville Charter 55-49 last Friday. Suguira and Godwin each scored 15 points while Dylan Leith added 13 as PDS improved to 6-5 on the season. The Panthers play at Princeton High on January 24, host WW/P-S on January 25, and then travel to Pennington on January 28.

Girls' Basketball: Unable to slow down Hopewell Valley, PDS fell 70-30 to the visiting Bulldogs last Saturday. Lexi Cheshier scored 11 to lead the Panthers who dropped to 3-9 with the setback. PDS hosts Oak Knoll on January 25 before travelling to Allentown on January 27.

Girls' Ice Hockey: Fuelled by a Micol Martinelli hat trick, the Big Red topped visiting Morristown-Beard 6-1 last Saturday. Other goal scorers for the Big Red, now 10-4, included Jessica Fischer, Jai Yoo Lee and Brett Moody. In upcoming action, Lawrenceville hosts Princeton Day on January 23 and Holton Arms School on January 25.

Swimming: The Big Red swimming teams continued to excel as the girls' squad beat Pennington 107-63 on January 15 while the boys cruised past St. Benedict's 120-50 last Saturday. The girls' squad, now 5-1, has a home meet against Germantown Academy on January 22 before a tri-meet against Peddie and Hill on January 25 at Peddie. The boys, who are 8-0, also host Germantown on January 22 before competing in the tri-meet at Peddie on January 25.

POPPING THROUGH: Princeton Day School freshman forward Luke Popko, left, on his way to a hat trick in PDS' 9-0 win over visiting Hun last Friday. The Panthers, who improved to 8-5 with the victory, play at Morristown-Beard on January 22, host La Salle on January 24, and then take on Seton Hall Prep on January 27 at South Mountain Arena. *(Photo by Rebecca Blackwell)*

HUN

Boys' Ice Hockey: The Raiders couldn't recover from surrendering four goals in the first period last Friday against crosstown rival Princeton Day School and ended up losing 9-0. Hun, now 3-9-1, plays at Lawrenceville School on January 25 before facing Malvern Prep on January 28 at Hamilton Iceland.

Coed Swimming: The Raiders fell to George School 95-72 last Saturday. Standout performers for Hun included Andrew Philhower, the first place finisher in the 200-meter freestyle and 100 butterfly, Nick Vacca, who won the 500 free, and Christina Keeney, the winner in the 200 individual medley. The Raiders will next be in action when they compete in a tri-meet against Ranney School and Rutgers Prep on January 28.

LAWRENCEVILLE

Boys' Basketball: Unable to contain Blair star Luol Deng, the Big Red fell 84-69 to the Bucs last Saturday at Blairstown. Deng, headed for Duke University next season, scored 30 points as Lawrenceville dropped to 10-5 on the year. The Big Red, who got 17 points from David Whitehurst in a losing cause against Blair, play at Hill on January 22 before home games against Valley Forge Military Academy on January 24 and Marist High on January 25.

Girls' Basketball: Led by a strong effort from Colette Salemi, Lawrenceville won 41-18 at Blair last Saturday. Salemi scored 13 points for Lawrenceville, which improved to 7-2 with the win over the Bucs. The Big Red host Hill on January 22 and St. Patrick on January 25 before playing at Old Bridge on January 25.

Boys' Ice Hockey: The Big Red skated to a 3-3 tie at Taft last Sunday to move to 7-6-1 on the season. Lawrenceville got two goals from Christian Read and another from David Ransom but they were unable to hold on to a 2-0 first period advantage. The Big Red have home games against Hun on January 25 and Brunswick School on Janury 26.

Wrestling: The Big Red crushed visiting Conwell Egan 66-6 last Saturday to notch its first win of the season. Standout performers for Lawrenceville included Ryan Arcadia, who won his match in the 171-pound class by a pin, together with Will Zullo (160) and Sam Glendon (215), who each took decisions. The Big Red host Hill on January 22 before a road match against George on January 25 and a quad-meet against Blair, Hun and Mercersburg at Blair on January 26.

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Basketball: The Tartans dropped to 2-4 as they lost 67-14 at Pennington on January 14. Freshman Kathryn Kitts had a team-high 10 points in a losing cause for Stuart, which hosts Hopewell Valley on January 22, travels to Blair on January 24, and then hosts WW/P-N on January 27.

PHS

Boys' Basketball: Despite a productive effort from Edson St. Juste, the Little Tigers lost 58-42 at Moorestown last Saturday. St. Juste scored 14 points for PHS which dropped to 1-9 with the loss. The Little Tigers will next be in action when they host Princeton Day on January 24.

Boys' Ice Hockey: Jason Diamond and Sam Finnell each had hat tricks as the Little Tigers pounded Nottingham 10-1 last Friday at Mercer County Park. PHS, which improved to 7-3-3, faces Hopewell Valley on January 22 at Mercer County Park and Montgomery on January 23 at Hamilton Iceland.

Wrestling: Emre Guzelsu was the Little Tigers' only winner as PHS lost 69-6 to visiting Hamilton last Friday. Guzelsu recorded a pin in winning his match at 215-pounds. The Little Tigers, now 0-5, host Trenton on January 22 and travel to WW/P-S on January 25.

YOUTH

Dillon Youth Basketball January 18 Results

In senior boys' action last Saturday in the Princeton Recreation Department's Dillon Youth Basketball League, Wegman's topped Conte's 37-13, led by John Mulvey, who scored 20 points, and Ben Guervil, who added 12. Sadya-Nicky's beat Bon Appetit 33-18 as Joey Moffit and Will Fries each scored six points.

In senior girls' action, the PBA Lady Vikings bested Princeton Shopping Center 23-10 as Libby Clark scored 13 points. O'Neill's Celtics edged New York Sports Club 27-26, led by 13 points from Jazia Hammoudi and eight from Anna Lutz.

Princeton Youth Travel Basketball Result

The Princeton Recreation Department under-14 boys' travel basketball team nipped Hamilton 51-50 last week to notch its first win of the season. Princeton, which was sparked by Alex Kinsey, is now 1-4 on the season.

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OBITUARIES

Patricia J. Arden

Patricia J. Arden, 72, formerly of Princeton, died January 11 in Ann Arbor, Mich., of complications caused by Progressive Supranuclear Palsy (PSP).

A professional musician, she performed and taught at Princeton University, the University of Michigan, and the Eastman School of Music. She was coordinator of the piano program at Princeton University from 1973 to 1986.

She graduated with distinction from the University of Michigan School of Music in 1952 and received a master of music degree the following year. Her specialty was piano performance; she played more than 50 solo and ensemble concerts, many under the auspices of the Friends of Music at Princeton.

She is survived by her husband, Bruce; a son, Wayne; and a daughter, Michelle.

A memorial service will be held on Sunday, February 23, at 2 p.m. at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 306 North Division Street, Ann Arbor.

Memorial donations may be made to the Patricia Joy Arden Fund at The University of Michigan Music School. The fund will provide scholarship support for piano students.

Lemma Endersby

Lemma Rapelye Johnston Endersby, 88, of Princeton, died January 18 at the Merwick Unit of The Medical Center at Princeton, after a long decline caused by Alzheimer's Disease.

Born in Roselle Park, she lived in several New Jersey shore communities before moving to Princeton in 1941 as a new bride.

She worked at Princeton Theological Seminary and Princeton University, following in the footsteps of her great-great-grandfather, a 1799 graduate of the University, and one of the founders of the Seminary.

She was a volunteer for many of Princeton's community groups, including the Red Cross, the Princeton YMCA, and *The Princeton Recollector*, a publication of the Princeton History Project.

She also served Trinity Episcopal Church in many leadership capacities. She helped edit the first Trinity Church cookbook, *Guests Unlimited*, in 1964. She completed 50 years of work on behalf of the Altar Guild at Trinity, where she was a member of the flower committee. She had a talent with flowers and a mastery of early American toleware painting, which earned her election in 1978 to the Esther Stevens Fraser Guild of Early American Decoration.

Daughter of the late Herbert Rapelye Johnston and Elsie Lent Johnston, and wife of the late Elric George Endersby, she is survived by her son, Elric, of Ewing; her daughter, Deborah Gwazda; a brother, Herbert R. Johnston; and three grandsons.

Her life will be celebrated at a service at Trinity Episcopal Church on Friday, January 24, at 3 p.m., followed by a reception.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Merwick Memorial Fund through the Medical Center at Princeton Foundation, 253 Witherspoon Street, Princeton 08540.

Arrangements are by the Mather-Hodge Funeral Home.

Elizabeth Menzies

Elizabeth Grant Cranbrook Menzies, 87, of Princeton, died January 12 at Acorn Glen. A lifelong Princetan resident, she was a photographer, author, and historian.

She was the only child of Professor and Mrs. Alan W. O. Menzies, who had come to the United States from Scotland before the First World War.

She was educated at Miss Fine's School. After graduation she became a freelance photographer specializing in portraits of children. She was also interested in other forms of art and experimented with painting, printmaking, and silversmithing.

She traveled extensively, from childhood trips on the motor-cruiser that her father maintained in Scotland to car travel in Europe in connection with her research on architectural history and her work for the *Index of Christian Art* at Princeton University.

Her cover photographs and other pictures appeared for many years in the Princeton Alumni Weekly. She received a New Jersey Tercentenary medal for her photographic portrait of Albert Einstein.

Exhibitions of her camera work included a one-woman show at the Baltimare Museum of Art. Some of her woodcuts and photographs have become part of the permanent holdings of the Graphic Arts Collection of the Princeton University Library.

In addition to various articles, she published four books about the local region: *Before the Waters: The Upper Delaware Valley*, *Princeton Architecture: A Pictorial History of Town and Campus*, *Millstone Valley*, and *Passage Between Rivers: A Portfolio of Photographs with a History of the Delaware and Raritan Canal*.

Professor Julian Boyd called *Millstone Valley* "a product of the intellect of a scholar, the heart of a concerned citizen, and the hand of an artist."

There are no immediate survivors.

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Christine Wilson

Christine Wilson, 84, of Princeton, died January 11 at Capital Health System's Fuld Campus in Trenton.

Born and educated in Laurens, S.C., she was a Princeton resident for more than 50 years and was formerly a self-employed domestic.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church and served with the Nurses Unit and Senior Citizens Ministry.

Daughter of the late Cullen and Ellen Todd, wife of the late Lemie Wilson, and sister of 13 brothers and sisters who predeceased her, she is survived by many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

The funeral was January 16.

Arrangements were by Anderson Funeral Service, Trenton.

Anne M. LaPlante

Anne M. LaPlante, 82, of Montgomery, died January 11 at Princeton Nursing Home.

Born in Central City, Pa., she lived in Maryland, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania before settling in Montgomery in 1973.

She was a homemaker. Her interests included painting, reading, the piano and gardening.

Mary K. Johnston

Mary K. Johnston, 94, of Princeton, died January 13 at the Merwick Unit of The Medical Center at Princeton

She lived in Richmond Ohio, for many years before moving to Princeton.

She was an award-winning gardener as well as a handcrafter and needleworker.

She was a member of the Richmond Methodist Church and Jefferson Hills Garden Club in Richmond, Ohio, All Saints' Episcopal Church in Princeton, and the West Windsor Senior Center in West Windsor.

Predeceased by her husband, Russell W. Johnston, she is survived by her daughter, Ruth J. Varney of Princeton; three grandchildren; and five great- grandchildren.

A family memorial service will be planned for a later date. interment will be in All Saints' Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction of Kimble Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Richmond Methodist Church, Richmond, Ohio 43944.

Wife of the late John H. LaPlante, she is survived by a son, J. Duncan of Lambertville; a daughter, Laura Bartlett of Princeton; a brother, John Machita of Liberty Corner; sisters Mary George of Hillsborough and Eleanor Machita of Manville; and three grandchildren.

The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, January 15, at Hillsborough Funeral Home, 796 Route 206, Hillsborough. Burial will be in Cedar Grove Cemetery, Middlebush.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Montgomery Center for the Arts, f24 Montgomery Avenue, Skillman 08558.

Charles Havens

Charles Havens, 84, of Montgomery, died January f4 at The Medical Center at Princeton.

Born in Butler, he grew up in North Brunswick and moved to Montgomery in 1974.

He graduated from New Brunswick High School in 1936 but his plans for college ended with the death of his father. He then used his motorcycle to begin a messenger business.

He joined the Merchant Marines during World War II, graduated from Gallups fsland Radio School and was a radio officer aboard the S.S. Button Gwinett in the Atlantic and Mediterranean.

Following the war, he learned watchmaking while working for Wendel Blath of Bound Brook. He later operated a store in New Brunswick for 25 years until 1968, when he began to work from his home.

He was a foundlng member of the Watchmakers Guild of Central Jersey, serving as both secretary and president before it merged with the Watchmakers Association of New Jersey. He was a member of the association's board of directors and was a recipient of its 1999 Fellowship Award.

He was a member of the advisory council of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program in Somerset County since its inception, serving several terms as president.

He was a member of the Montgomery Evangelical Free Church and led the Saturday morning men's breakfast fellowship for 11 years.

He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Jessie; a daughter, Faith Havens York; and two grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, February 1, at Montgomery Evangelicaf Free Church, Griggstown Road, Montgomery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Project Liberty Ship, P.O. Box 25864, Highlandtown Station, Baltimore, Md. 21224; or to Montgomery Emergency Medical Services for the Gideon Bible Society.

Arrangements are by Mather-Hodge Funeral Home.

James C. Conover Jr.

James C. Conover Jr., 82, of Princeton, died January 19 at the Merwick Nursing Unit of the Medical Center at Princeton.

Born in Trenton, he was a lifelong Princeton area resident and a graduate of Princeton High School.

He was a supervisor at Educational Testing Service.

He was an Army Air Corp. and Air Force veteran of World War If, serving in the reserves until 1980.

He was a member of the Kingston Presbyterian Church in Kingston.

Son of the late James C. and Luella B. Hornor Conover, he is survived by two brothers, Richard of Yonkers, N.Y., and Paul of Kingston; and five sisters, Cathryn Schluter of Rockledge Fla., Jane Snedeker of West Trenton, Barbara Eldridge of Maynardville, Tenn., Miriam Ferrell of University Park, Md., and Elizabeth McCarty of Rockford, fll.

A memorial service will be held January 25 at 1 p.m. at the Kingston Presbyterian Church, with the Rev. John Heinsohn, pastor, officiating. fnterment will be in the Kingston Cemetery.

There will be no calling hours.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Memorial Fund of the Kingston Presbyterian Church, 4561 Route 27, Kingston 08528.

Arrangements are by the Wilson-Apple Funeral Home, Pennington.

Orville B. Palmer

Orville B. Palmer, 82, formerly of Princeton, died January 7 in Gainesville, Fla.

Born in Ada, Okla., he lived in Princeton until 1956, when he moved to Gainesville.

He was a writer and editor for Educational Testing Service, and a published author.

He was a member of Civitan Club, former elder and member of the board for Westminster Day School, and docent for Florida State Museum of Natural History. He attended Westminster Presbyterian Church.

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ANNA ELFERINK

Anna Elferink, 103, died January 13, 2003 in Scotch Plains, NJ. Her husband, J Henry Elferink, died in 1967. Born in Haarlem, Holland, December 24, 1899, she came to Rochester, NY in 1910 where she lived until moving to New Jersey in 1998.

Mrs. Elferink was a homemaker and an active volunteer: she was a Cub Scout leader, played the piano for the Red Cross at a Veterans' hospital, and worked at a senior citizens' organization office weekly for over 20 years until age 95.

She is survived by her sister Rika Ives of Rochester, NY; her daughters and sons-in-law Elizabeth and David Cayer of Plainfield, NJ, Barbara and Fred Greenstein of Princeton, NJ, Dorothy and Robert Maples of Williamsport, PA, and son and daughter-in-law George Elferink and Shirley Strother of Bronxville, NY and Plainfield, NJ; five grandchildren, six great grandchildren, and ten nieces and nephews.

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Predeceased by his daughter, Carol Elizabeth Palmer, he is survived by his wife, Ruth; three daughters, Lynette Palmer Perkins of Lafayette, Calif., Janine Palmer Ashcraft of Old Lyme, Conn., and Patricia Anne Palmer-Moss of Woodbridge, England; three brothers, Zane of Gainesville, Paul of Arlington Heights, Ill., and Merle of Cumming, Ga.; and four grandchildren.

Arrangements are by Milam Funeral Home, Gainesville.

Dr. Richard J. Cross

Dr. Richard J. Cross, 87, of Princeton, died January 20, of heart disease.

He was educated at Yale University and Columbia Medical School.

He served as a captain in the 77th Division in the Pacific in World War II. Following the war, he did research at Columbia Medical School, after which he served as dean of students at the University of Pittsburgh Medical School from 1959 to 1964.

He was a founding educator of what is now the Robert Wood Johnson Medical School and was a professor there until his retirement in 1985. He developed the school's human sexuality curriculum, which recently celebrated its 30th anniversary, and taught in all 30 of those years.

He served on the boards of SIECUS and HI-TOPS.

Predeceased in 1999 by his daughter, Lee Cross, he is survived by his wife of 63 years, Margaret; four children, James, Alan, Anne, and Jane; and ten grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, February 1 at 1 p.m. at Trinity Church.

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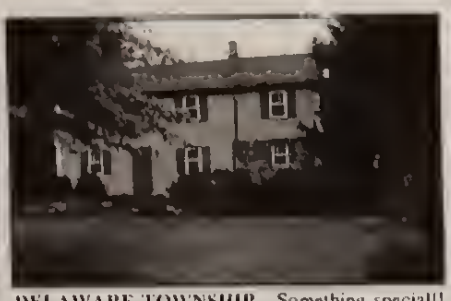

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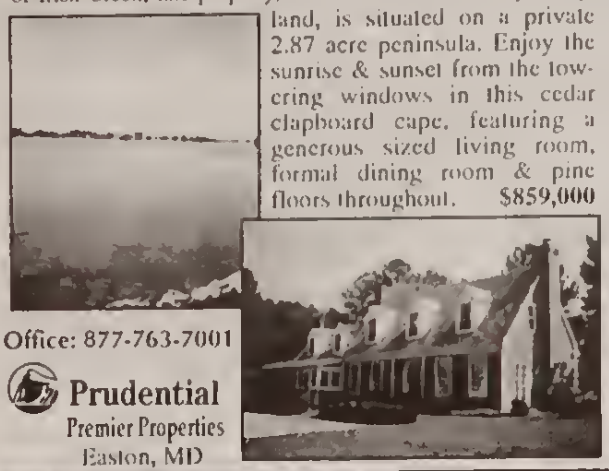

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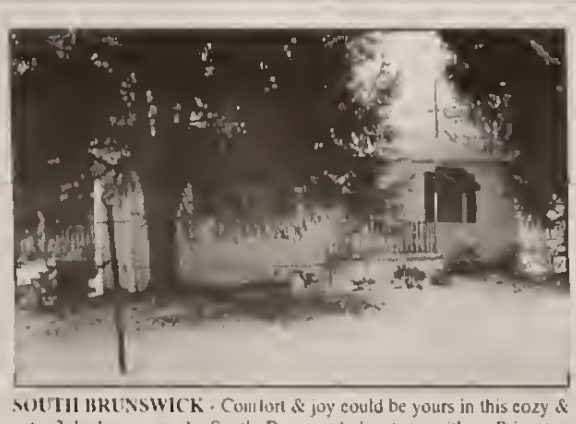

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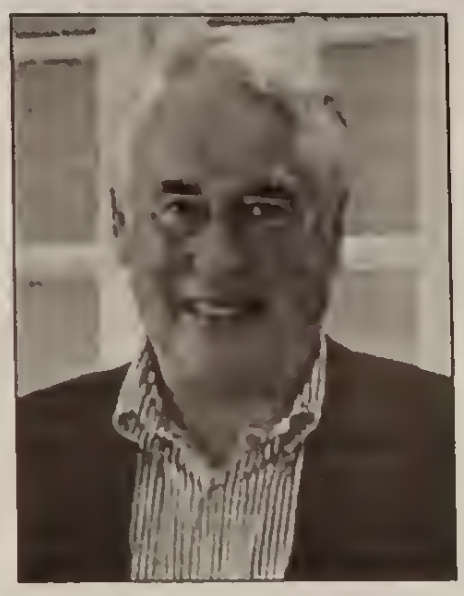

Developer Peter Hegener of *eparkventures* continues to provide Princeton Borough and Township with dynamic new real estate projects ranging from a renovated four-bedroom house and nine condominiums in the downtown Witherspoon area, to custom built residential homes in the Township, to prime commercial property.

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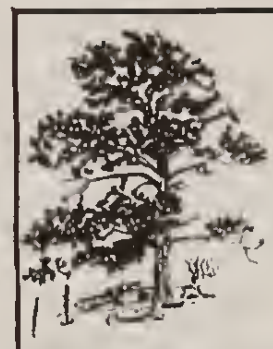

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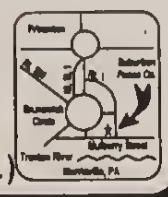

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